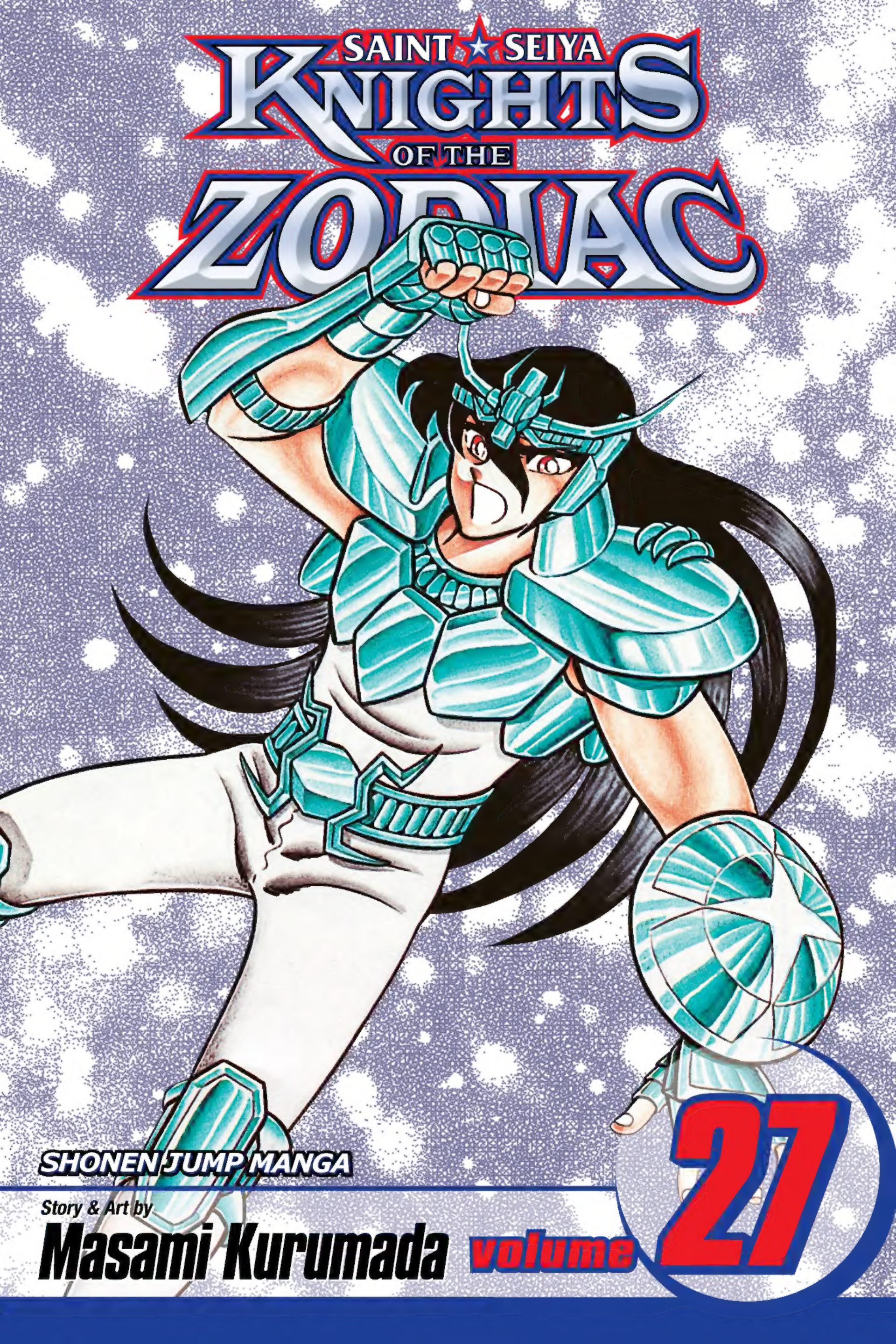
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Diet fiend!!

That's the honorable title I was recently awarded.

One December day, after *Knights of the Zodiac* had finished running in *Weekly Shonen Jump* magazine, I went in for my first-ever comprehensive medical checkup. The shocking result: I was 128 percent overweight! From that day on I began a fierce battle regimen of daily jogging and a mostly vegetarian diet.

Now I can pen my next manga in a trimmer, fitter body! Or so I hope...

Masami Kurumada—1990

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LEGENDS SPEAK OF YOUNG MEN WHO PROTECTED THE GREEK GODDESS ATHENA. KNOWN AS ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, THEY WERE SAID TO WIELD PUNCHES THAT CRACKED THE SKY AND KICKS THAT SPLIT THE EARTH. TO RAISE WARRIORS WITH THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT FOR PRINCESS SIENNA, THE INCARNATION OF ATHENA, LORD NOBU OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION SENT 100 BOYS OUT INTO THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. FOUR BRONZE KNIGHTS--SEIYA, HYÔGA, SHIRYÛ AND SHUN--SUCCEEDED BRILLIANTLY IN THEIR TRAINING. IN BATTLES AGAINST THE CORRUPT MASTER OF SANCTUARY AND THE SEA GOD POSEIDON, THE LOVE AND JUSTICE OF ATHENA AND HER KNIGHTS TRIUMPHED.

THE STORY THUS FAR ...

BUT THIS PEACE HAS BEEN FLEETING, AS HADES, THE GOD OF THE UNDERWORLD, HAS ARISEN TO INVADE THE EARTH WITH HIS ARMY OF SPECTERS. ATHENA PIERCES HER OWN THROAT AND DESCENDS TO THE UNDERWORLD TO BATTLE HADES. THE BATTLE BETWEEN ATHENA AND HADES MOVES TO ELYSIUM, BEYOND THE UNDERWORLD AND THE IMPASSABLE WALL OF LAMENTATION. THE 12 GOLD KNIGHTS ASSEMBLE AND OPEN A PASSAGE IN THE WALL FOR THE BRONZE KNIGHTS, BUT DARKNESS STILL THREATENS THE EARTH...

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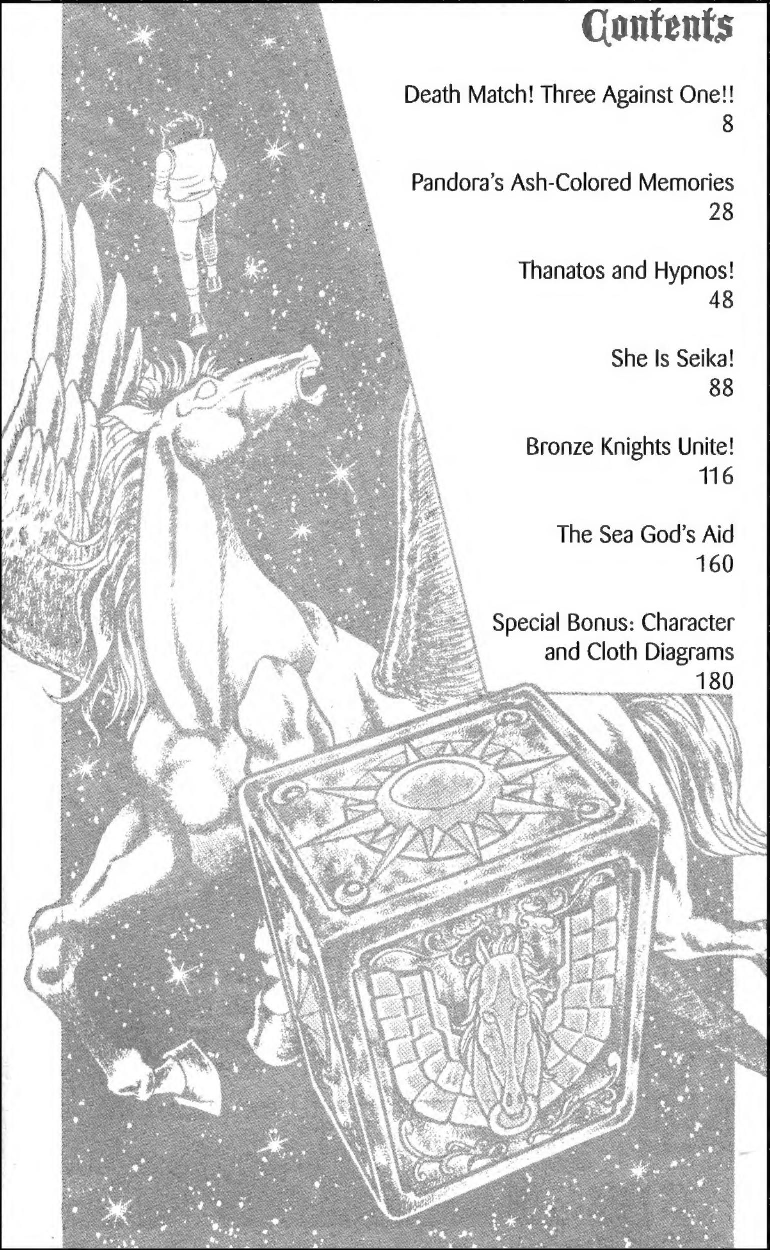

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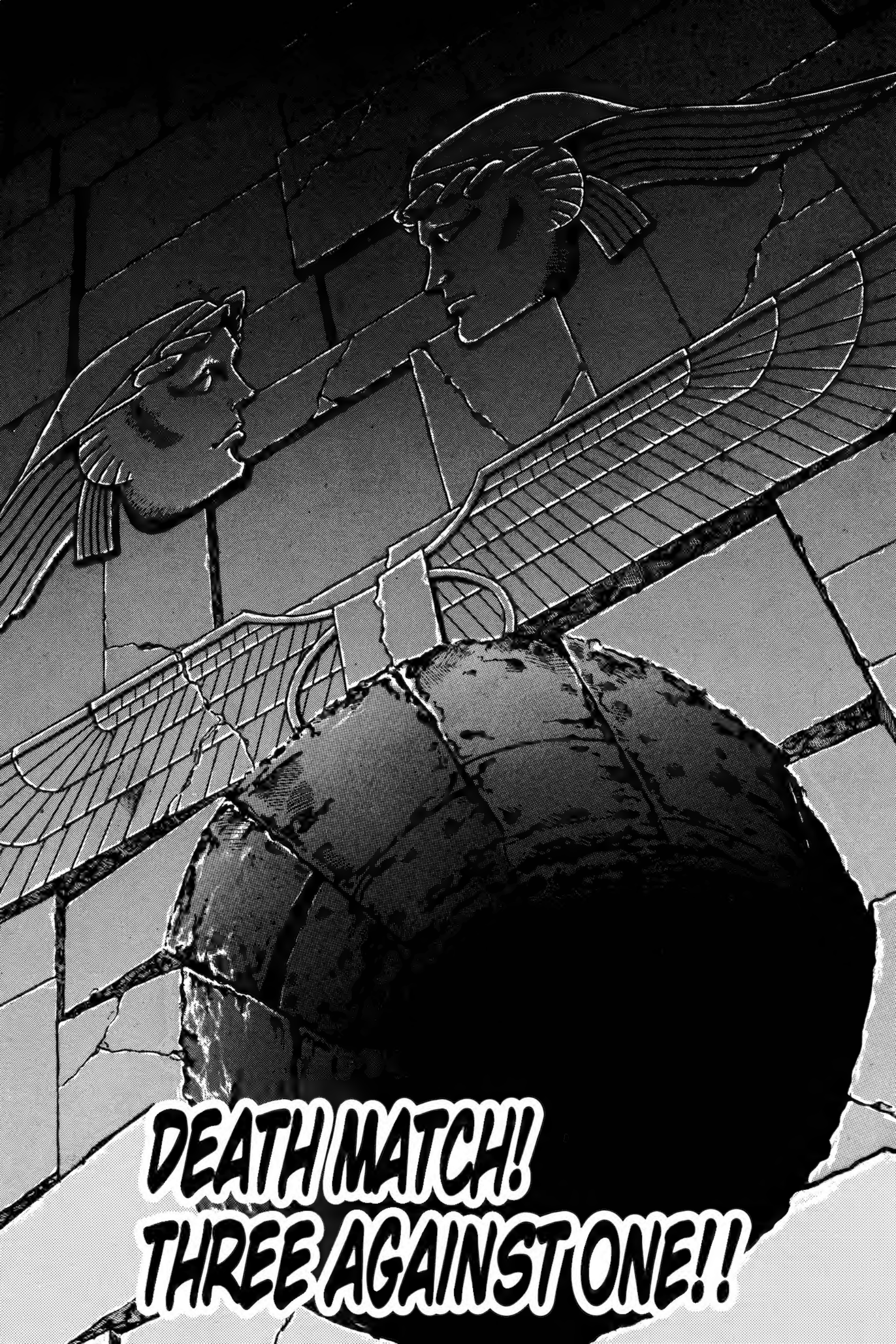
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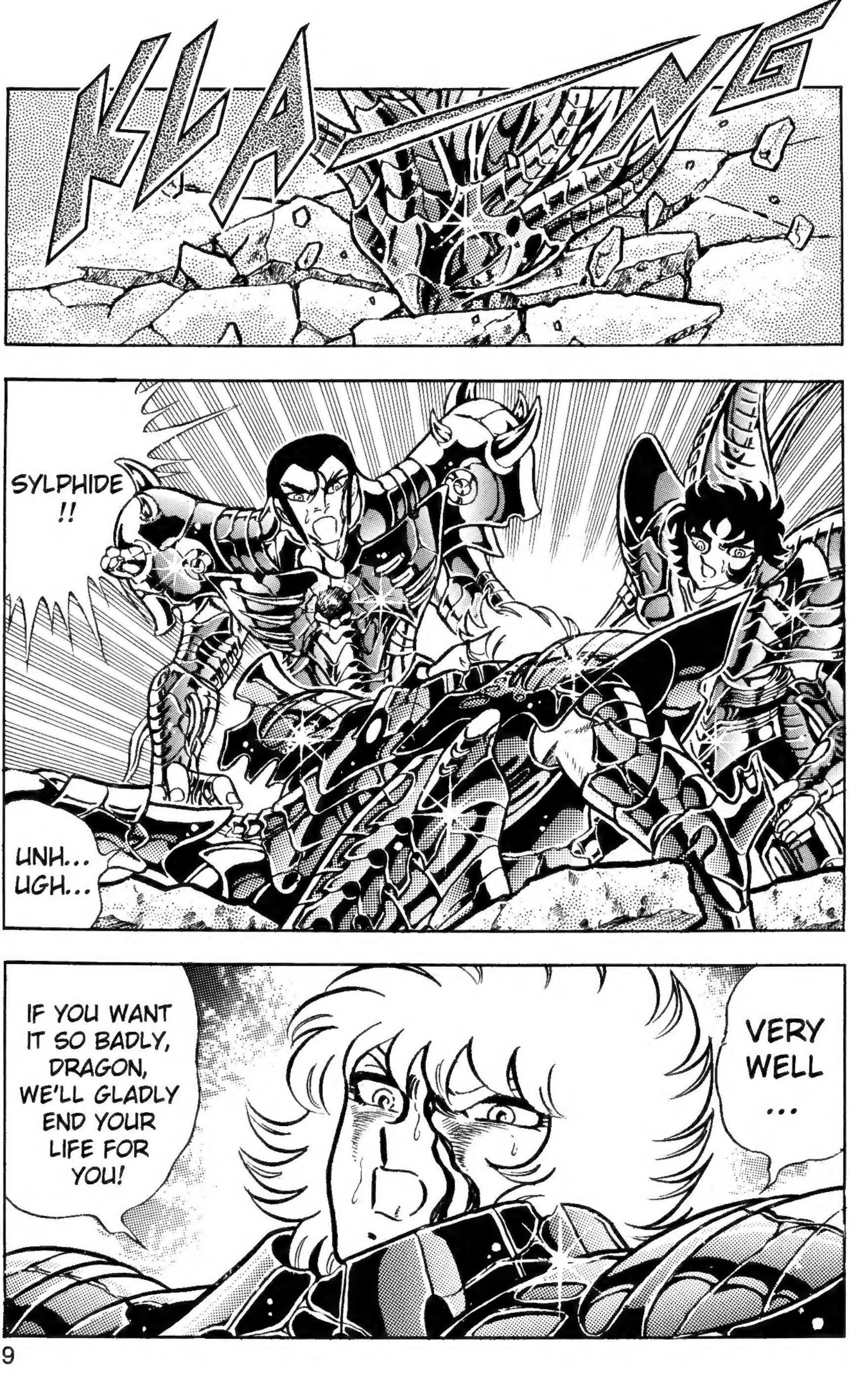

SYLPHIDE !!
UNH... UGH...
VERY WELL ...
IF YOU WANT IT SO BADLY, DRAGON, WE'LL GLADLY END YOUR LIFE FOR YOU!

AL-RAUNE!!
BASI-LISK!!
MINO-TAUR!!
WE'LL MERGE OUR POWER AND COME AT YOU TO-GETHER!!

COME! I ONLY HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH LEFT FOR ONE BLOW ANYWAY!!

SUNREI...
...I HOPE YOU'RE PRAYING FOR ME IN FAR-AWAY GOROHO.
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME...
...BUT THIS BATTLE
...IS COMING TO AN END... FAREWELL, SUNREI...
SHIRYÛ?

WHOOOM
LET'S GO!!
DIE, DRAGON!!
GRAND AXE CRUSHER!!
BLOOD FLOWER SCISSORS!!
ANNIHILATION FLAP!!

TIME TO USE ALL THE POWER YOU GAVE ME, RÔSHI !!

ROZAN'S
100
DRAGONS
BLOW!!!

WHAT?
ARGH !!
WAAH !!

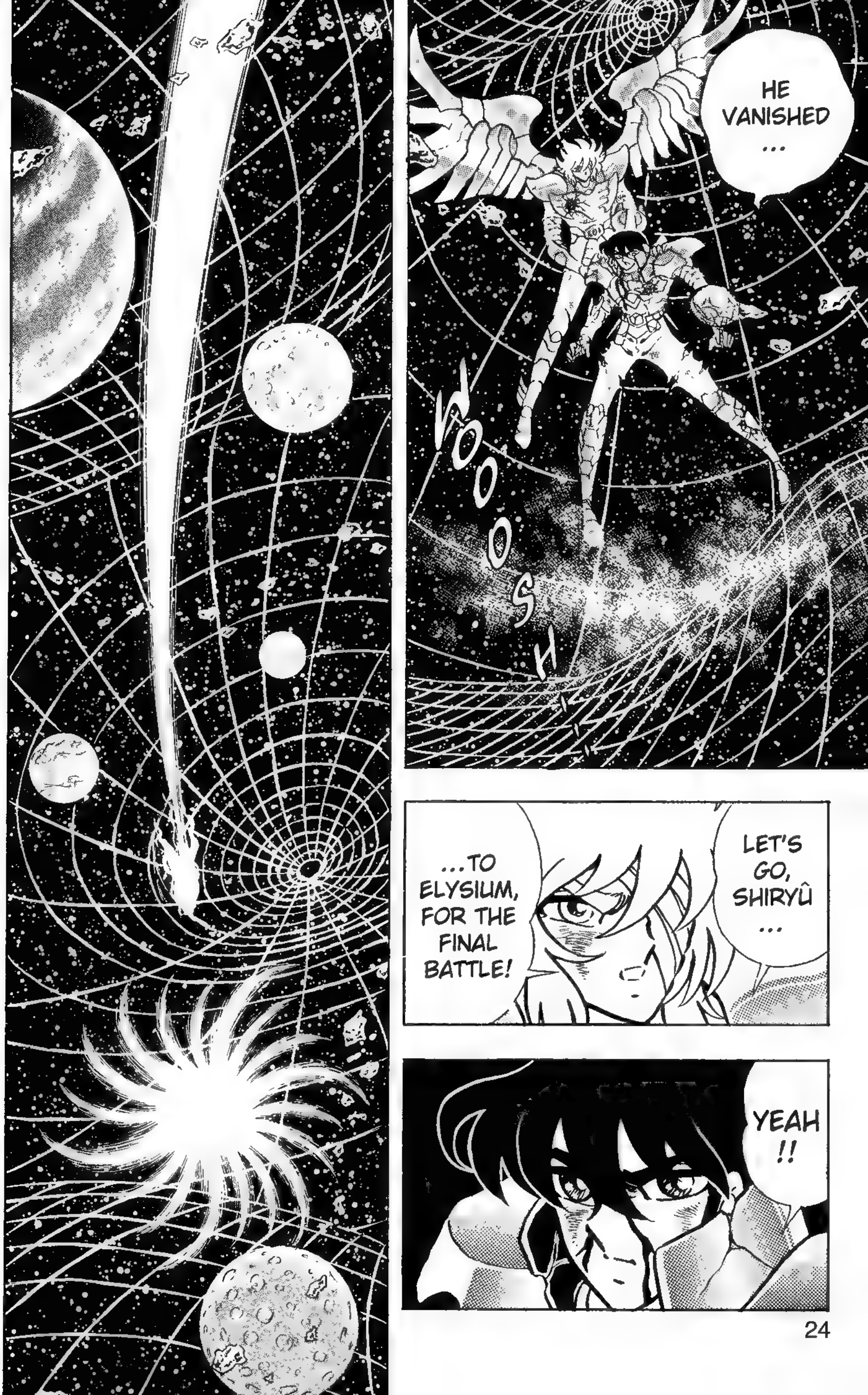
READ THIS WAY
WHOA !!

WHAT INCREDIBLE AIR PRESSURE... NOW WHERE AM I?
NO WAY! THE COLLISION BETWEEN THEIR ATTACKS AND THE 100 DRAGONS BLOW BLASTED ME ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE TUNNEL!!

HYÔGA !!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, SHIRYÛ!
HYÔGA, THOSE *WINGS* ...
HEH...ATHENA GRANTED US WINGS SO WE COULD FLY TO ELYSIUM.
NOW LET'S GO. OUR BROTHERS ARE WAITING.
ALL RIGHT ...

H... HALT...
UNH!!
BASI-LISK!!
I WON'T ALLOW IT...
I'LL NEVER LET YOU INTO ELYSIUM...
STOP!!
IF YOU TRY TO COME IN HERE, YOU'LL BE PULVER-IZED.
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
NOW FIGHT ME!!

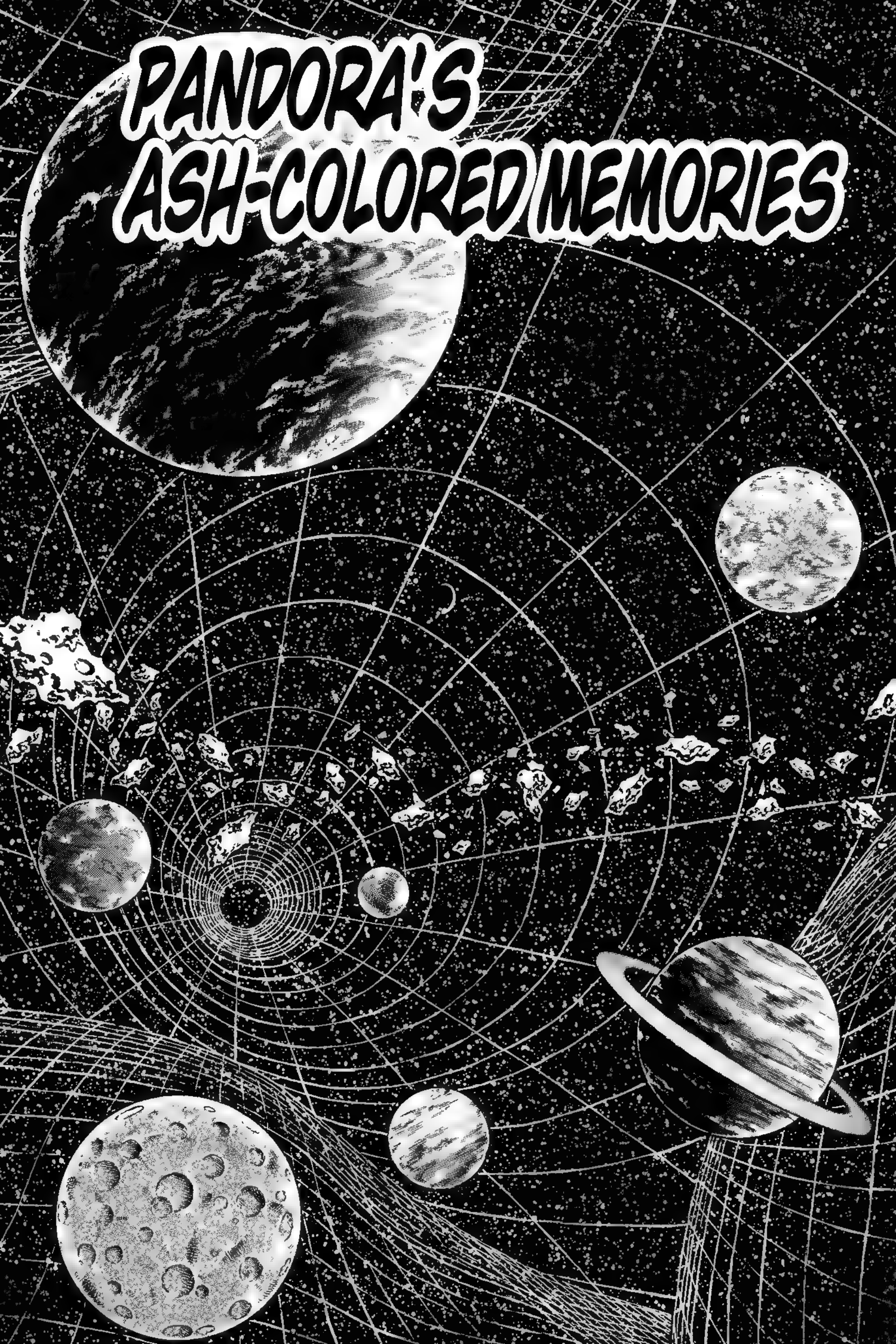
READ THIS WAY


HE VANISHED ...
ZOOOOSH
LET'S GO, SHIRYÛ ...
...TO ELYSIUM, FOR THE FINAL BATTLE!
YEAH !!

KRUNCH
HOLD, IKKI!
IF YOU LEAP IN AFTER SHIRYÛ AND HYÔGA, YOU'LL BE OBLITERATED.

I HEAR THE PHOENIX CLOTH CAN REPAIR ITSELF...SO I SUSPECT IT HASN'T RECEIVED THE PROTECTION OF ATHENA'S BLOOD.
YOU'RE RIGHT ...
...BUT I'VE GOTTA GO!
GSH

I'LL HELP YOU TO ELY-SIUM...
...BUT IN RETURN, AVENGE ME.
PLEASE, IKKI!!


PANDORA'S
ASH-COLORED MEMORIES

THERE HE IS! IT'S PHOENIX!!
WHERE?
HE'S WITH LADY PANDORA ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL! I THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO ESCAPE TO ELYSIUM!!
IT SHOULDN'T TAKE MUCH TO FINISH HIM OFF!!
HE'S GOT WOUNDS ALL OVER HIS BODY, INCLUDING THE MORTAL TRIDENT BLOW ON HIS BACK!!
THE TRAITOR!
HMPH... WHY IS LADY PANDORA WITH HIM?
EITHER WAY, LET'S GET RID OF PHOENIX FIRST.

CHAK...
YES.
AVENGE YOU?
SO THAT'S WHY YOU FREED ME FROM THE ICY HELL OF COCYTUS.
HEH...I'M SURE YOU COULD HAVE ESCAPED IN TIME WITHOUT MY HELP.
BUT I FINALLY WOKE UP.
I REMEMBERED THAT 13 YEARS AGO MY FAMILY WAS SLAUGHTERED BY LORD HADES.

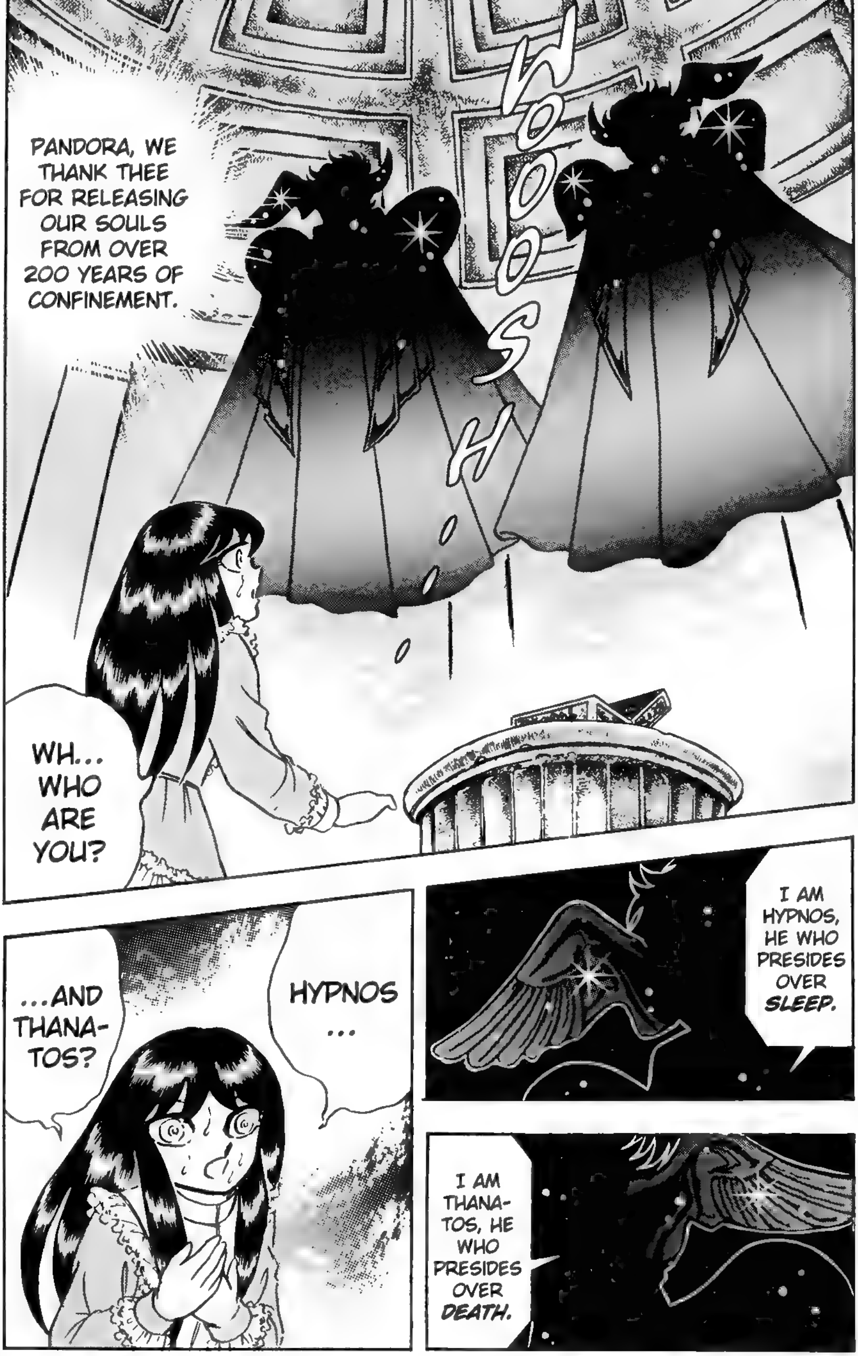
CASTLE HADES ...
IT WAS ONCE CASTLE HEINSTEIN, A PALACE SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL LAKES AND GREENERY. I WAS BORN AND RAISED THERE.

MY GENTLE FATHER... MY BEAUTIFUL MOTHER, PREGNANT WITH HER SECOND CHILD...
MY FAMILY, THE HEINSTEINS, WERE BRIGHT AND LOVING PEOPLE.
...AND ME, RAISED TO WANT FOR NOTHING, A LITTLE PRIN-CESS.
BUT THEN ONE DAY...

HRRF
GRRR
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ADOLF?
WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GO THAT WAY! PAPA WILL SCOLD US!
...I BROUGHT EVIL UPON THE EARTH WITH MY OWN HANDS.
ARF
ARF
ARF
HA HA HA... STOP IT, ADOLF!
WHERE ARE YOU TRYING TO GO?
IN THAT DIRECTION, IN THE DEEPEST CORNER OF THE GARDEN, LAY AN OLD WOODSHED
...THAT MY FATHER HAD WARNED ME MANY TIMES NEVER TO APPROACH.
GRRR
IT WAS SAID THAT ITS DOORS HAD NOT BEEN OPENED FOR OVER 200 YEARS...
PLINK
...BUT AS I WATCHED, AN INVISIBLE FORCE UNBOLTED THE HEAVY LOCK.

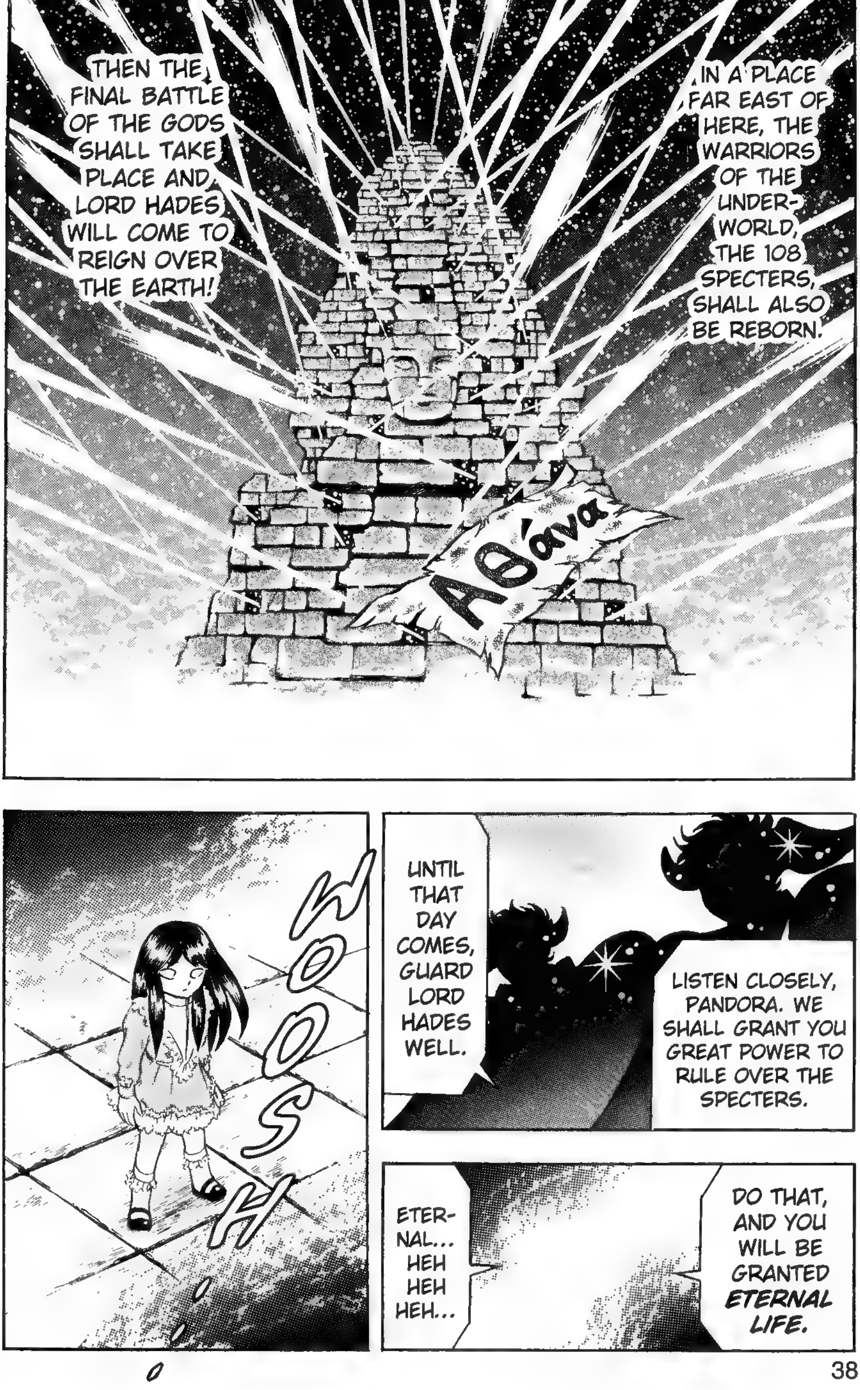
AS IF COMPELLED BY A DEMON'S SPELL, I STEPPED INSIDE.
KREEK...
BRR BRR BRR
GRR ...
YIP YIP YIP
INSIDE WAS JUST A SMALL JEWEL BOX...
Αθάνα
...SHUT WITH ATHENA'S SEAL.
WHEN I FOOLISHLY OPENED THAT BOX...
...I OPENED THE PATH TO DOOM.
Αθάνα

READ THIS WAY



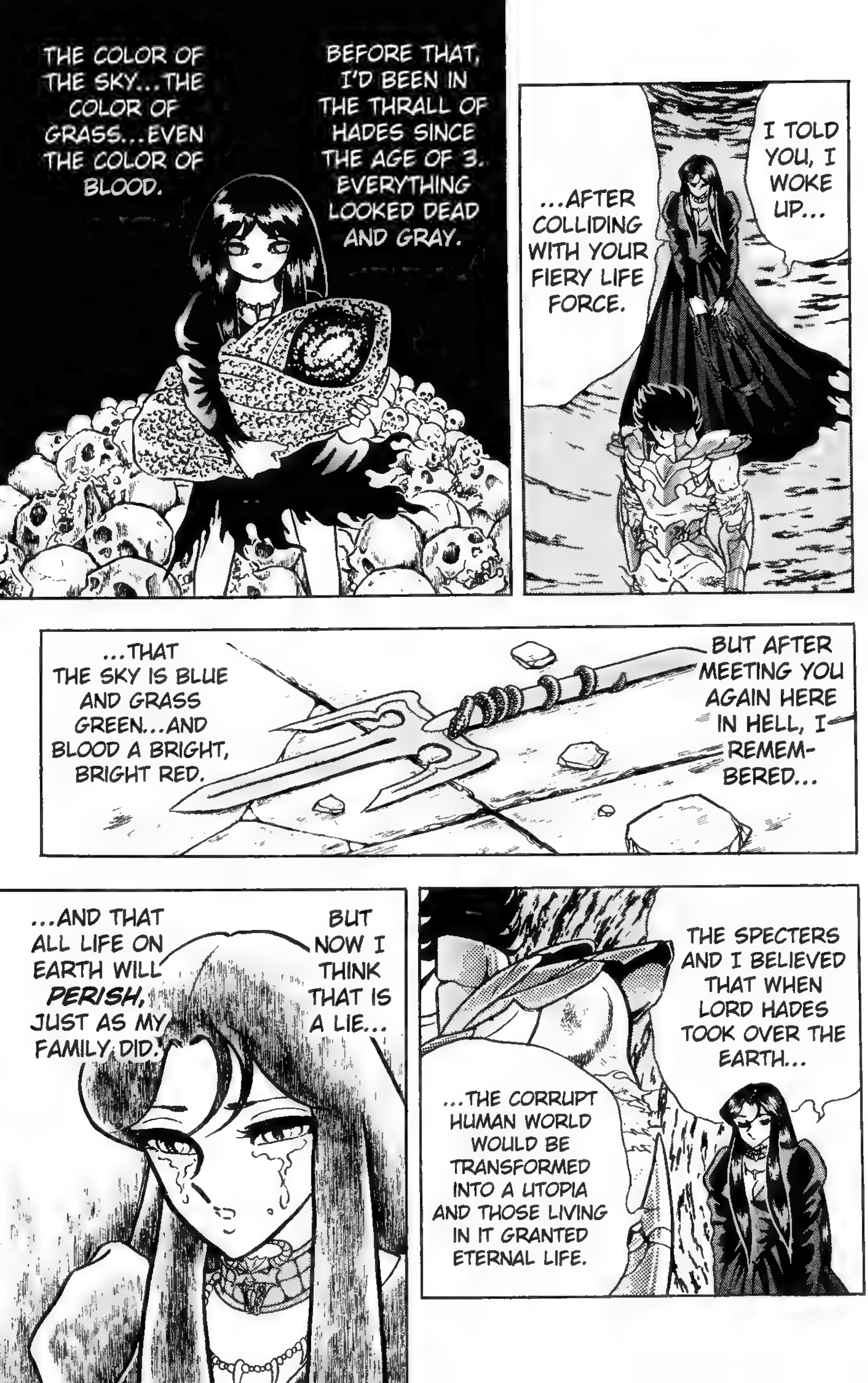
PANDORA, WE THANK THEE FOR RELEASING OUR SOULS FROM OVER 200 YEARS OF CONFINEMENT.
WHOOOSH
WH... WHO ARE YOU?
I AM HYPNOS, HE WHO PRESIDES OVER SLEEP.
I AM THANATOS, HE WHO PRESIDES OVER DEATH.
HYPNOS ...
...AND THANATOS?

READ THIS WAY


IN A PLACE FAR EAST OF HERE, THE WARRIORS OF THE UNDER-WORLD, THE 108 SPECTERS, SHALL ALSO BE REBORN.
THEN THE FINAL BATTLE OF THE GODS SHALL TAKE PLACE AND LORD HADES WILL COME TO REIGN OVER THE EARTH!
Αθάνα
LISTEN CLOSELY, PANDORA. WE SHALL GRANT YOU GREAT POWER TO RULE OVER THE SPECTERS.
UNTIL THAT DAY COMES, GUARD LORD HADES WELL.
DO THAT, AND YOU WILL BE GRANTED *ETERNAL LIFE.*
ETER-NAL... HEH HEH HEH...
WHOOSH

AT THAT MOMENT ...
...MY MOTHER GAVE BIRTH TO THE SOUL OF LORD HADES.
FWA
SH
FROM THAT DAY FORWARD ...
...NOTHING COULD LIVE IN CASTLE HEINSTEIN BUT MY NEW BROTHER AND ME.

...CASTLE HADES.
CASTLE HEIN-STEIN TRANS-FORMED INTO A CASTLE OF DEATH...
EVEN THE GRASS AND FLOWERS WITHERED AWAY. LORD HADES' SHIELD DESCENDED UPON THE CASTLE, KEEPING EVERYONE OUT.
I SEE.
HEH...YOU'RE THE CHIEF MINION OF HADES, BUT HERE YOU ARE, BEGGING ME TO HELP YOU TAKE HIM DOWN.
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND, PANDORA?
SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAME AFTER SHUN WHEN HE WAS A BABY...TO GIVE HADES A BODY.
THAT'S RIGHT. THANATOS AND HYPNOS TOLD ME THAT THE ONE CHOSEN FOR OUR LORD'S FLESH WAS A JAPANESE ORPHAN.



THE COLOR OF THE SKY...THE COLOR OF GRASS...EVEN THE COLOR OF BLOOD.
BEFORE THAT, I'D BEEN IN THE THRALL OF HADES SINCE THE AGE OF 3. EVERYTHING LOOKED DEAD AND GRAY.
I TOLD YOU, I WOKE UP...
...AFTER COLLIDING WITH YOUR FIERY LIFE FORCE.
BUT AFTER MEETING YOU AGAIN HERE IN HELL, I REMEM-BERED...
...THAT THE SKY IS BLUE AND GRASS GREEN...AND BLOOD A BRIGHT, BRIGHT RED.
...AND THAT ALL LIFE ON EARTH WILL *PERISH*, JUST AS MY FAMILY DID.
BUT NOW I THINK THAT IS A LIE...
THE SPECTERS AND I BELIEVED THAT WHEN LORD HADES TOOK OVER THE EARTH...
...THE CORRUPT HUMAN WORLD WOULD BE TRANSFORMED INTO A UTOPIA AND THOSE LIVING IN IT GRANTED ETERNAL LIFE.

SHF
CHING
THIS WAS THE GREATEST PRIVILEGE LORD HADES BESTOWED UPON ME.
WITH THIS, YOU CAN TRAVEL FREELY ACROSS THE UNDERWORLD... EVEN THROUGH SUPER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE.
WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO NEXT?
hff
HEH... NOW THAT I HAVE BETRAYED LORD HADES...
...THERE'S NO WAY HE...OR THANATOS AND HYPNOS... WILL FORGIVE ME.
hff
hff

READ THIS WAY

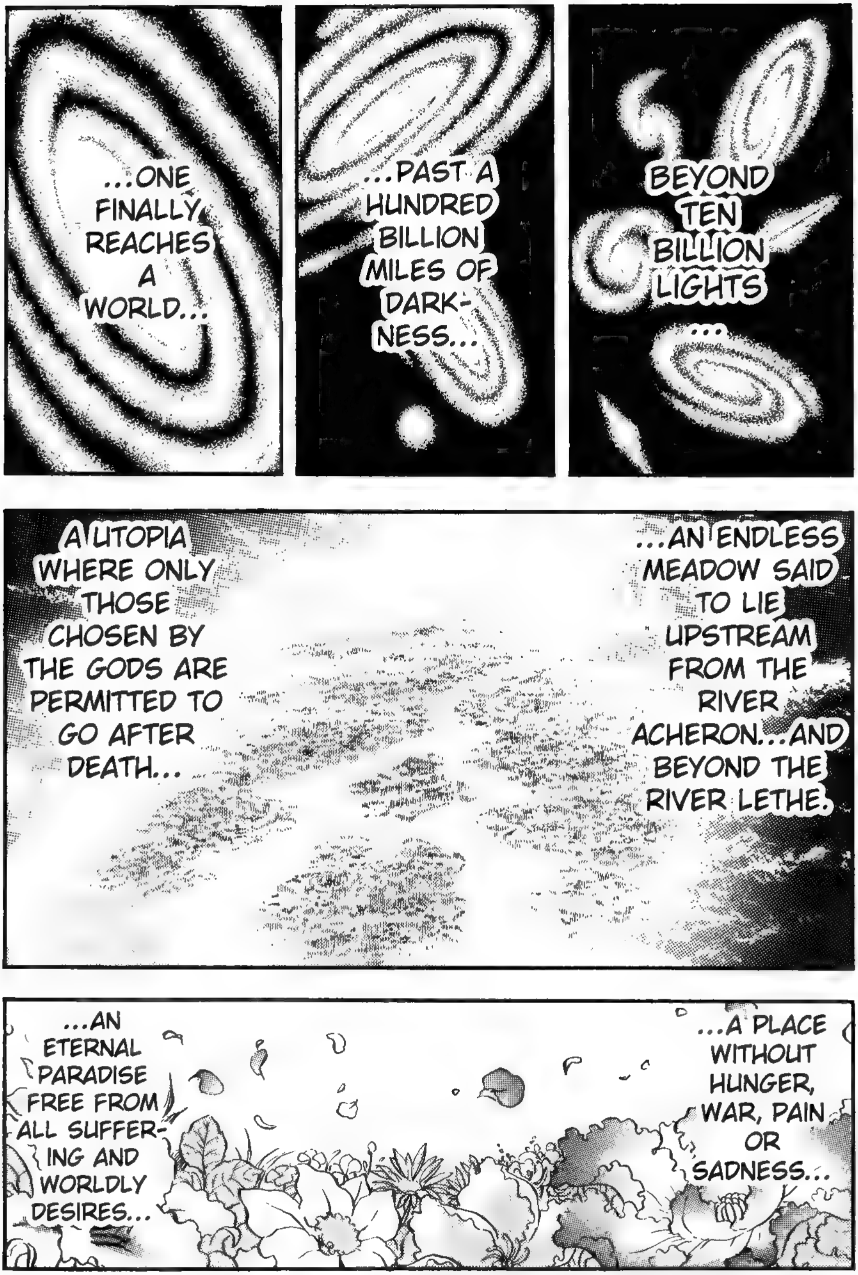
DIE, PHOENIX!!
FOOL!! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF FIRST!!
FLASH
HEAVEN-FLYING PHOENIX!!

KA-KLINK
THE LAST FEW BEADS ON SHAKA'S ROSARY FINALLY CHANGED COLOR.
SO ALL 108 SPECTERS ARE DEAD.
SHAKA...
P...
I GET IT, PANDORA.
I'LL TAKE ON YOUR SORROW...

...AND DESTROY HADES IN YOUR NAME!!
SO REST IN PEACE, PAN-DORA...
KASHINK

THANATOS AND HYPNOS!

READ THIS WAY



...A PLACE CALLED ELY-SIUM!!

SHRINE OF THANATOS ...
AIEE !!
IT'S TERRIBLE !!
LORD THANATOS, LORD THANATOS!

WHAT IS THE MATTER? BE STILL.

IS CUPID PLAYING PRANKS ON YOU AGAIN?
N...NO, LORD THANATOS.
THERE'S A MAN COVERED IN BLOOD AND SWEAT AND DIRT...
...NOT FAR FROM HERE!
IT'S AS IF A DEMON FROM HELL WANDERED INTO OUR ELYSIUM!
YES! HOW NASTY !!
WHAT ?

hff
hff
hff
UNH
...
WHOOF
hff
hff
hff
H...HEY...
WHERE IN
ELYSIUM
AM I?
H...HAVE
YOU SEEN
ATHENA?

READ THIS WAY

MY NAME IS THANATOS!!
ARE YOU A SPECTER?
SHP
THOSE SILVER EYES AND HAIR...
THANATOS?

READ THIS WAY

WAAAH!!!

BUT IT'S QUITE A MIRACLE THAT YOU MANAGED TO PASS THROUGH THE WALL OF LAMENTATION, TRAVEL SUPER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE AND REACH ELYSIUM.
FOOL. I AM NOT OBLIGED TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.
WAIT.
KRUNCH
I MUST ADMIRE YOUR DEDICATION TO ATHENA !!
NOW GO JOIN HER IN DEATH !!

HYPNOS !!
BOOM
...ARE GOLDEN
...
THEY LOOK EX-ACTLY ALIKE ...
HUH? A...ARE THOSE TWO TWINS?
... EXCEPT ...
... HYPNOS' EYES AND HAIR...

READ THIS WAY

IKKI!
AH...
NOTHING IN THE UNDER-WORLD ESCAPES OUR NOTICE.
TRUE ENOUGH.
PANDORA BETRAYED LORD HADES.
NOT ONLY DID SHE FREE THE PHOENIX KNIGHT FROM COCYTUS, SHE HELPED HIM GET HERE TO ELYSIUM.
YOU NEED NOT HAVE ROBBED HER OF HER LIFE.
BUT PANDORA WAS A LOYAL SERVANT WHO PROTECTED OUR LORD'S SOUL FROM CHILDHOOD.
PLEASE... NEITHER PANDORA NOR THE SPECTERS WERE EVER ANYTHING MORE THAN *SLAVES.*
ESPECIALLY NOW, WITH ALL 108 SPECTERS SLAUGHTERED, WE COULD HAVE USED THE LIKES OF HER.

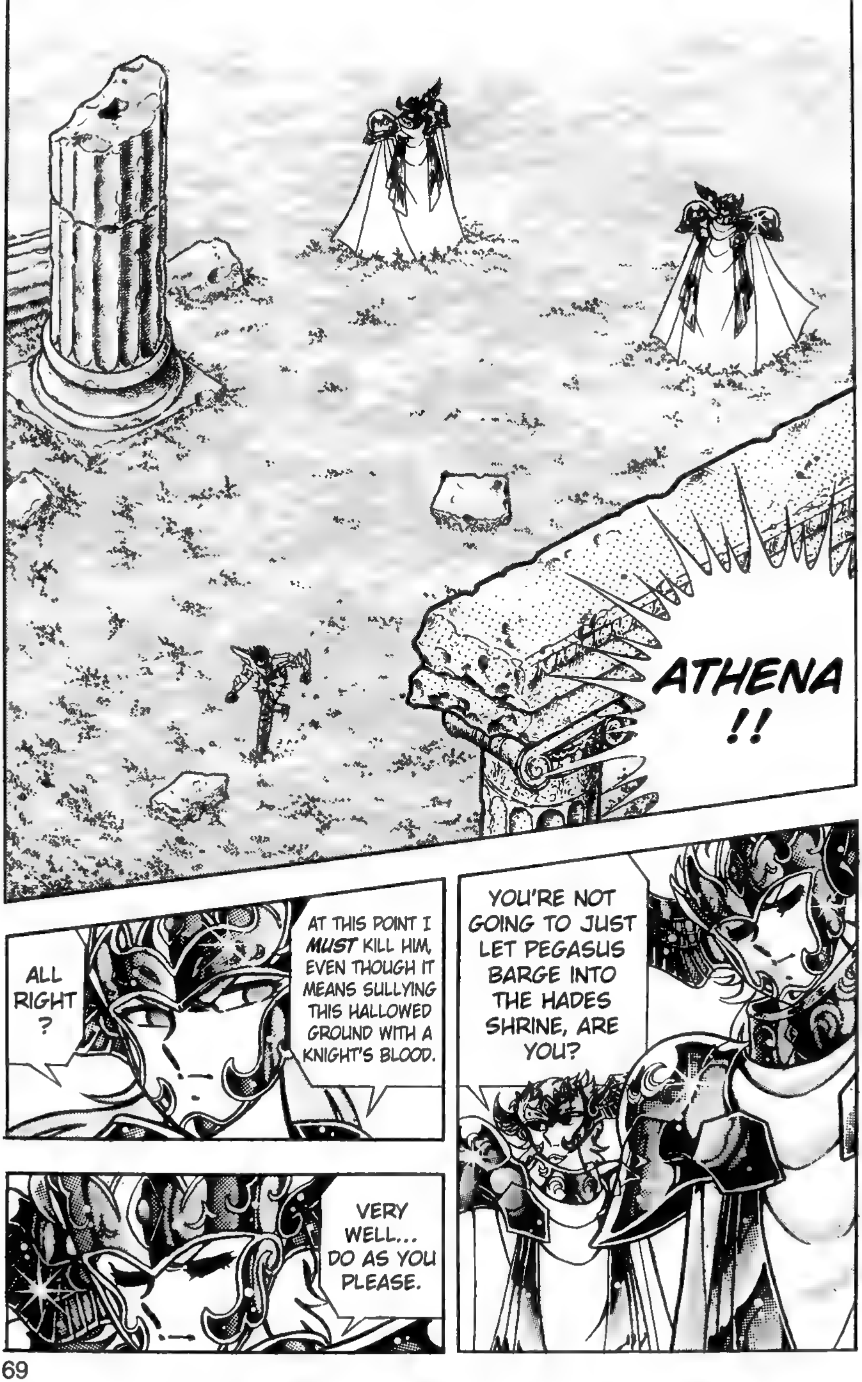
LOOK AT HOW EASILY YOU CAPTURED ATHENA AND TOOK HER LIFE.
HADES NEVER REALLY NEEDED MORE THAN JUST THE TWO OF US.
BUT I HAVE NOT YET TAKEN HER LIFE.
INDEED, I DID CAPTURE ATHENA.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, HYPNOS?
YOU FOOL! WHY DIDN'T YOU SLAY HER RIGHT AWAY?
YOU KNOW ATHENA CAME TO ELYSIUM TO KILL LORD HADES!!
WHAT?
UNH...

SO ATHENA'S ALIVE...
THE POWER OVER HER LIFE AND DEATH LIES WITH LORD HADES ALONE.
ARGH
UGH...
UNH...
I SEE.
I TOLD YOU, THIS IS OUR LORD'S UNDER-WORLD DOMAIN, UNDEFILED BY BLOOD SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME.
KRUNCH
WHAT HAPPENED TO ATHENA?
THAT'S ENOUGH ...
WHERE IS SHE?
A... ANSWER ME!

READ THIS WAY

HER BODY HAS BEEN ENCASED IN A GIANT SACRED URN OF ELYSIUM.
THESE URNS CANNOT BE DESTROYED EVEN BY ZEUS'S LIGHTNING BOLTS.
THEY ABSORB BLOOD, THEIR SURFACES SLOWLY CHANGING FROM WHITE TO RED AS TIME PASSES.
WHEN THE ENTIRE URN IS DEEP RED, ATHENA WILL HAVE BEEN DRAINED OF HER BLOOD. THEN SHE SHALL PERISH.

READ THIS WAY
WITH A SINGLE THOUGHT, LORD HADES CAN EITHER SAVE ATHENA OR FINISH HER OFF.
GRR...
OUTTA MY WAY!!
ATHENA!!
I'LL SAVE HER EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE!!

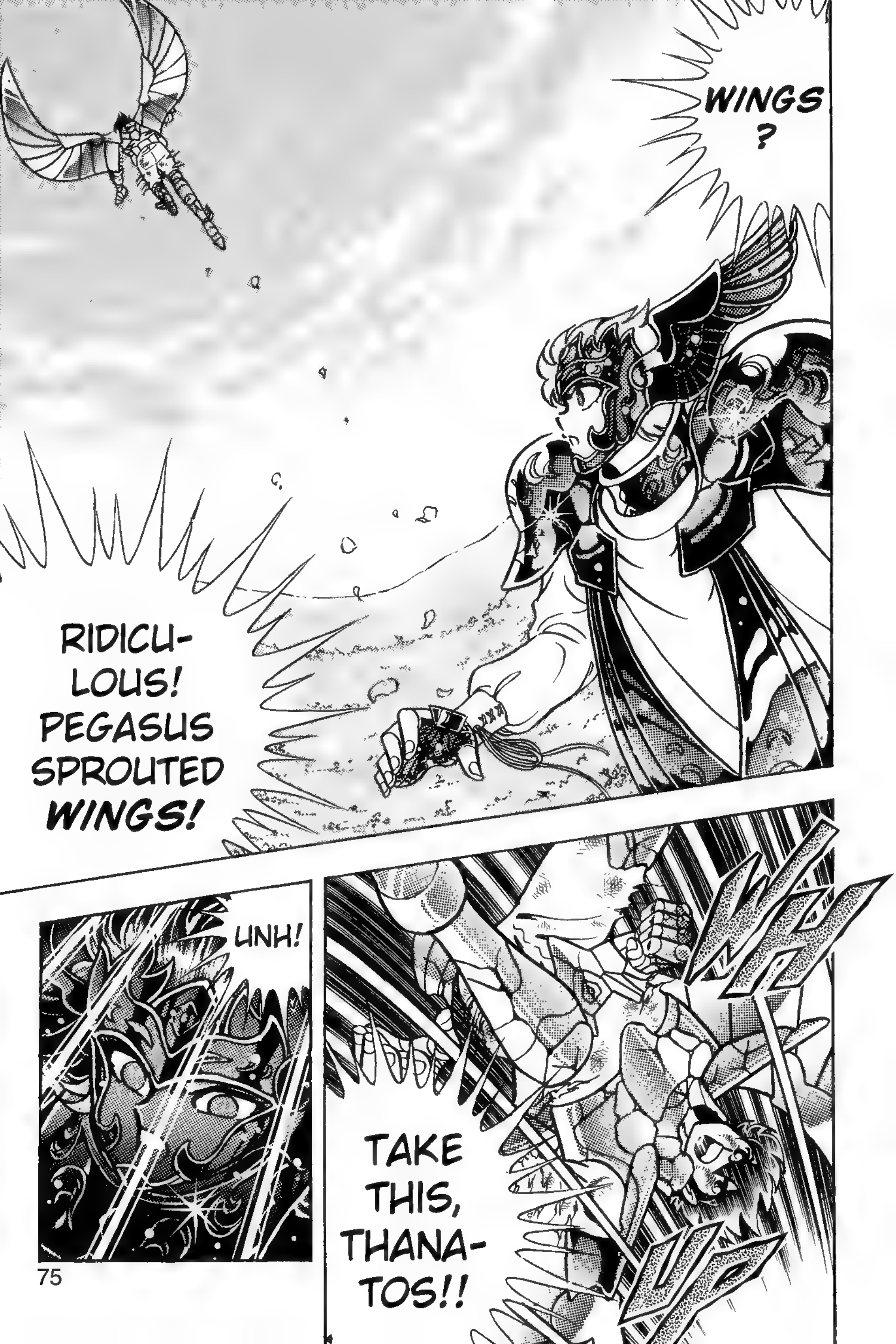

ATHENA !!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO JUST LET PEGASUS BARGE INTO THE HADES SHRINE, ARE YOU?
AT THIS POINT I MUST KILL HIM, EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS SULLYING THIS HALLOWED GROUND WITH A KNIGHT'S BLOOD.
ALL RIGHT ?
VERY WELL... DO AS YOU PLEASE.

JUST MAKE SURE YOU DO IT SWIFTLY AND SURELY, THANATOS.

READ THIS WAY

SEE?
PEGASUS HAS BEEN OBLITERATED!!

WHAT
?
WHAT ARE THOSE?


WINGS
?
RIDICU-
LOUS!
PEGASUS
SPROUTED
WINGS!
UNH!
TAKE
THIS,
THANA-
TOS!!

PEGA-
SUS
METEOR
PUNCH!!
ARRRGH!
UGH
...
YOU
IMPU-
DENT
...

HOW...
HOW DARE YOU, PEGASUS?
I WARNED YOU, THANATOS.
WHAT?
DON'T FORGET THAT PEGASUS IS FIGHTING WITH NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE.
NOT EVEN SOMEONE OF *YOUR* CALIBER CAN TAKE HIM DOWN WITHOUT GOING ALL OUT.
SOMETIMES THE CORNERED MOUSE BITES THE CAT.
BE CAREFUL.
WHAT?

ABSURD! HE MAY BE A CORNERED MOUSE, BUT I DOUBT HE HAS ANY *BITE* LEFT.
UGH !!
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!!

WSH
WSH
FOOL !!
YOU CANNOT DODGE ME FOREVER!
UNH!

WAAAAH!!!
CRASH

SANCTUARY
...
WHAT THE HECK ARE SEIYA AND THE OTHERS DOING?
NUTS! SOON THE SUN'S GOING TO BE COMPLETELY HIDDEN!
LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR VICTORY!
YEAH!!
THAT'S RIGHT. WE HAVE TO KEEP THE FAITH.
YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT TOO.
CHILL OUT. I KNOW THEY'RE FIGHTING AS WE SPEAK.

READ THIS WAY

MARIN, WHO'S THIS?
SOMEONE SEIYA'S WANTED TO FIND FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
WHAT?
YOU MEAN THAT GIRL IS SEIYA'S ...?

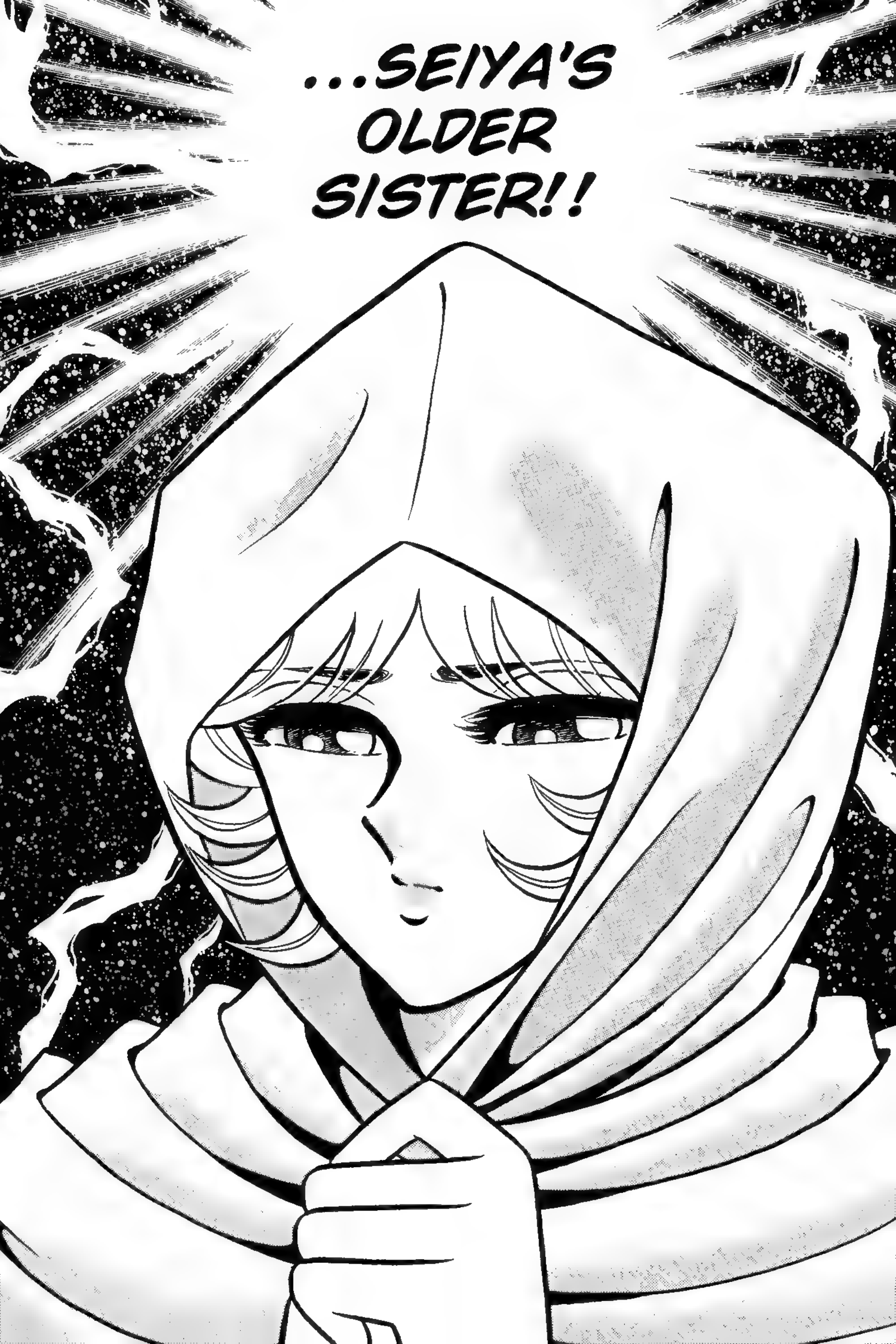
KRUNCH
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ME.
NOW YOUR WINGS HAVE BEEN PLUCKED OFF.
FWASH
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO FINISH YOU OFF.
UNNH ...
UGH
I...I CAN'T DIE...
I CAN'T AFFORD TO DIE YET...

THERE ARE STILL THINGS I'VE GOTTA DO AND PEOPLE I'VE GOTTA SEE!!
NO!!

PEGASUS
COMET
PUNCH!!

SHE IS SEIKA!

TH... THEN...
THAT GIRL IS SEIYA'S ...?
THAT'S RIGHT! THIS IS SEIKA...


...SEIYA'S
OLDER
SISTER!!

SEIYA'S OLDER SISTER!
WHOA. NO WAY!
DAK
HE'LL BE SO HAPPY WHEN HE FINDS OUT!!
THIS IS WONDERFUL! SEIYA'S BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR AS LONG AS WE CAN REMEMBER!!
SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHO SHE HERSELF IS.
WHAT?
YOU CAN'T TALK TO HER ABOUT SEIYA.
HOLD YOUR HORSES, SHINA.
HUH?

WH...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH STRENGTH YOU MUSTER AGAINST ME, YOU WILL NEVER SO MUCH AS GRAZE ME.
EVEN MY COMET PUNCH, WITH ALL MY MIGHT BEHIND IT, HAD NO EFFECT!
MY COMET PUNCH ...
I AM A GOD WHO HAS PRESIDED OVER DEATH FOR LORD HADES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME.
UGH...
UNH... I CAN FEEL THE LAST OF MY STRENGTH SLIPPING OUT OF ME...
THUNK

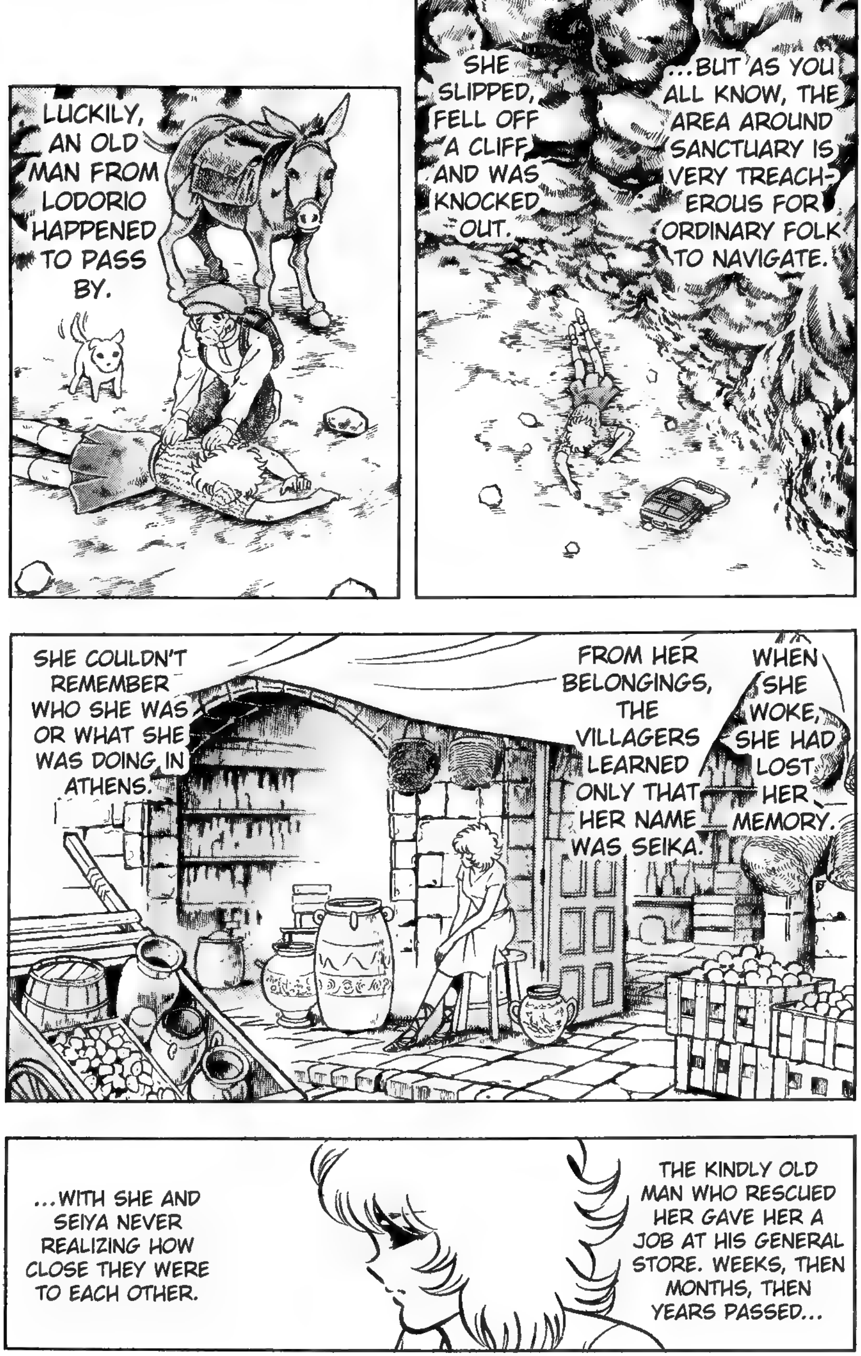
WHAT ?
WHAT ?
WH ...
NOW THAT YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GODS AND MEN, *DIE!!*

AN ABRA-SION...
THAT COMET PUNCH GRAZED ME!
WH... WHAT'S THIS? A TRACE OF BLOOD?
GRRR ...
UNFOR-GIVABLE !!

NO MATTER HOW SUPERFICIAL THE WOUND ...
...HOW DARE A MAGGOT LIKE YOU HARM THE BODY OF A GOD!!
GRIND GRIND GRIND
NO MATTER ...
I'LL PULVERIZE YOU AND SCATTER THE PIECES ACROSS SUPER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE!!
NOT EVEN DRAWING AND QUARTERING YOU WILL APPEASE ME!!
I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU ENDURE ETERNAL SUFFERING EVEN AFTER DEATH!!
DIE, PEGA-SUS!!

THUP
UNH ...
NO...
NOT EVEN THAT IS ENOUGH.
I NEED ...
I NEED TO PUNISH YOU MORE... TORTURE NOT JUST YOUR FLESH, BUT YOUR MIND.
THAT'S RIGHT... AND YOU CAN DIE AFTERWARDS... HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...

READ THIS WAY


...BUT AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE AREA AROUND SANCTUARY IS VERY TREACH-EROUS FOR ORDINARY FOLK TO NAVIGATE.
SHE SLIPPED, FELL OFF A CLIFF AND WAS KNOCKED OUT.
LUCKILY, AN OLD MAN FROM LODORIO HAPPENED TO PASS BY.
WHEN SHE WOKE, SHE HAD LOST HER MEMORY.
FROM HER BELONGINGS, THE VILLAGERS LEARNED ONLY THAT HER NAME WAS SEIKA.
SHE COULDN'T REMEMBER WHO SHE WAS OR WHAT SHE WAS DOING IN ATHENS.
THE KINDLY OLD MAN WHO RESCUED HER GAVE HER A JOB AT HIS GENERAL STORE. WEEKS, THEN MONTHS, THEN YEARS PASSED...
...WITH SHE AND SEIYA NEVER REALIZING HOW CLOSE THEY WERE TO EACH OTHER.

WOW. BUT HOW'D YOU FIND HER, MARIN?
NOT EVEN ALL THE MIGHT OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION COULD DO IT!
HEH... WELL, WHEN WE FOUND OUT THAT SEIKA WENT MISSING THE SAME DAY SEIYA WAS SHIPPED OFF TO GREECE...
...I FIGURED THERE WAS NO WAY SHE WAS STILL IN JAPAN!
I THOUGHT SHE MUST HAVE GONE LOOKING FOR HIM, AND MIGHT EVEN HAVE GOTTEN CLOSE.
AFTER ALL, THEY WERE SIBLINGS. THEY ONLY HAD EACH OTHER.
THERE WAS NO WAY SHE'D SIT BACK AND LET THEM TAKE HER LITTLE BROTHER AWAY...
MARIN ...

...SEIYA ALWAYS WONDERED IF YOU MIGHT BE HIS OLDER SISTER...
YOU KNOW, MARIN ...
THAT REMINDS ME. I ONCE HEARD A RUMOR YOU WERE LOOKING FOR A YOUNGER BROTHER YOU LOST LONG AGO.

THRUM
UGH...
HEY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MISS SIS?
WHAT HAPPENED, KIKI?
I DON'T KNOW! SHE SUDDENLY DOUBLED OVER IN PAIN!!
H... HURTS...
LIKE I'M BEING RIPPED APART...
WHAT THE...

HEH. I THINK I'LL KILL YOUR SISTER FIRST, SEIYA.
DOOM
SHK
BEFORE I FINISH YOU OFF, I'M GOING TO KILL YOUR OLDER SISTER AT SANCTU-ARY.
HUH?
WHAT?
HEH. HAVE YOU ALREADY LOST YOUR HEARING?

MY SISTER?
SHE'S AT SANCTUARY?
N...NO WAY...
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE...
HEH. BEHOLD!
AS YOU'RE ABOUT TO DIE ANYWAY...
...I'LL LET YOU LOOK UPON THE EARTH ONCE LAST TIME.

SHHIING
IT'S BIG SIS!
B... BIG SIS...
OH...
NO...

SEIKA !!

I CAN KILL FROM ACROSS THE LIGHT-YEARS... JUST AS I DID WITH PANDORA.
NO...
NO !!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I AM THANATOS, HE WHO PRESIDES OVER DEATH. I CAN BRING DEATH TO *ANYONE* WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A TOUCH.
NOW, PEGASUS...
...WATCH AND WEEP AS YOUR SISTER WRITHES IN THE THROES OF DEATH!!
STOP ...
STOP IT, THANATOS!!

WAAAH !!
YOU CAN'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH LEFT TO FLINCH.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU TO LEARN THAT IT'S USELESS?
NOW WITNESS YOUR SISTER'S DEATH WITH YOUR OWN TWO EYES!

MISS SIS!!
HANG IN THERE, SEIKA!!
hff
hff
hff
UNH !!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT AT ALL...
OH!
I FEEL IT... AN INCREDIBLY POWERFUL COSMO...
I'VE NEVER FELT ONE SO *MALEVOLENT*. LIKE IT'S GOING TO SMOTHER EVERYTHING WITH DEATH...
WHAT'S UP, KIKI?

WATCH OUT!!
WHOA !!
AIEE !!
KIKI !!

HUH?
WE DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING.
THAT GIANT FIREBALL WAS COMING RIGHT FOR MISS SEIKA!
KIKI !!
WHAT HAP-PENED?
YOU MUST HAVE SENSED IT WITH YOUR PSYCHIC POWERS.
SOMEBODY'S ATTACKING HER! THAT'S WHAT'S CAUSING HER PAIN!
IT'S COMING AGAIN! FROM THAT DIRECTION !!
MISS SIS IS UNDER ATTACK!!
AND WHY?
BUT WHO COULD IT BE?
EEK !!

OVER HERE?
WHOA !!
MARIN !!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
UNH... UGH...
I...I WON'T LET SEIKA DIE...
N...NOT UNTIL AFTER SHE'S REUNITED WITH SEIYA...
WAAAH!!

HEH HEH HEH. CEASE YOUR FUTILE RESISTANCE, MAGGOTS!!
HUH?
WHAT'S THIS? A VOICE FROM THE SKY?
WHO ARE YOU?
I *WILL* KILL THAT SISTER OF PEGASUS, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRY TO INTERFERE!
WHAT?

MY NAME IS THANATOS!!
I'M ABOUT TO EXECUTE PEGASUS FOR BRAZENLY TRESPASSING INTO ELYSIUM!!
WHAT? SEIYA?
SEIYA'S REACHED ELYSIUM?
FOR HIS BLASPHEMOUS ACTIONS AGAINST THE GODS, MERELY DRAWING AND QUARTERING PEGASUS IS INSUFFICIENT.
HIS OLDER SISTER SHALL BE KILLED AS WELL, AS A PRELUDE TO HIS OWN DEATH!
WATCH OUT! IT'S COMING FROM THE RIGHT THIS TIME!
FEH!!

ZAAAAAK
AARGH !!
YEAH !!
THAT'S RIGHT !!
TH... THANATOS... YOU'LL NEVER GET YOUR WAY...
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE SEIKA'S LIFE...

WE'LL ALL PROTECT ...
... SEIYA'S BIG SISTER!!
KHUNCH

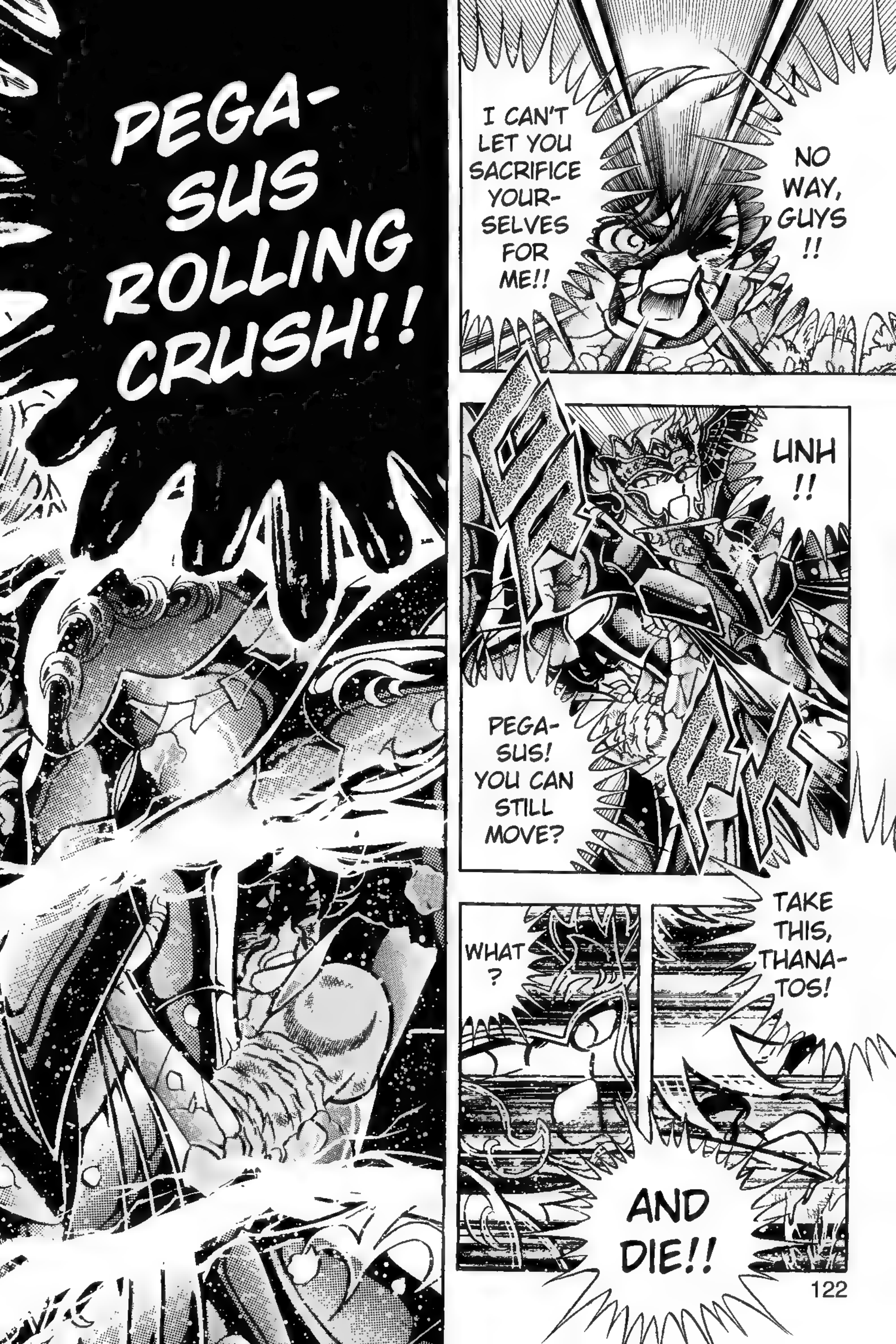
WE'LL DEFEND YOUR SISTER WITH OUR LIVES!! GOT THAT?
CAN YOU HEAR US?
SEIYA !!
SEIYA !!
SEIYA !!
SEIYA !!
UNITE!

SO FORGET ABOUT IT AND FIGHT, SEIYA!!
GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!!
SEIYA !!
SEIYA !!
SEIYA !!
BRONZE KNIGHTS

GUYS... THANKS ...
UNH...
NOW, PEGASUS, WATCH YOUR SISTER'S FINAL MOMENTS !!
HEH... WHAT FOOLS.
NO MATTER HOW MANY STAND AGAINST ME, THEY'RE STILL MAGGOTS.
DON'T DO IT!!
NO ...

FWASH
SUCH INSO-LENCE ...
AH. THEY UNITED THEIR COSMOS TO CREATE A BARRIER.
WHAT?
VERY WELL!! IF YOU INSECTS WANT TO DIE, I'LL GRANT YOUR WISH!!

WAAH !!
UGH !!
AARGH !!
GAH !!


NO WAY, GUYS!!
I CAN'T LET YOU SACRIFICE YOURSELVES FOR ME!!
UNH!!
PEGASUS! YOU CAN STILL MOVE?
TAKE THIS, THANATOS!
WHAT?
AND DIE!!
PEGASUS ROLLING CRUSH!!

HEH.
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL YOURSELF, PEGASUS?
WHAT?
HEY!!
WHERE'D THANATOS GO?

HE DISAP-PEARED!!
WHOA!!
UNH...
TCH!
UGH...
TCH

TCH
TCH
WHAT A FOOL. DID YOU ENJOY THE TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? CAN'T EVEN SPEAK ANYMORE?
YOU'VE REACHED THE END, PEGASUS!!
YOUR FRIENDS ON THE SURFACE HAVE NO STRENGTH LEFT TO PROTECT YOUR PRECIOUS SEIKA!

UGH...
UNH ...
NOW...DO YOU WANT TO GO FIRST, OR SHALL I START WITH YOUR SISTER?
AT THIS POINT, IT HARDLY MATTERS.
HEH... YOU KNOW, I CAN'T DECIDE. I'LL JUST KILL YOU BOTH AT ONCE!!
DIE !!
hff
hff
hff

KA-SHANK
UNH !!
hff
hff
hff
I WON'T LET YOU HURT SEIYA AND THE OTHERS!
HEH...I'D *HEARD* A FEW OTHER MAGGOT KNIGHTS HAD SQUIRMED IN HERE.
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE ONE OF THEM.
YOU THINK THESE CHAINS CAN STOP ME?

TAKE THIS!!
UGH !!
WAAH !!
ROLLING DE-FENSE !!
ARGH !!

UGH !!
NO WAY... NOT ONLY DID MY CHAINS FAIL TO HOLD HIM...
...THEY SHATTERED!
HOW MANY MORE?
UNH ...
HOW MANY OF YOU MAGGOTS HAVE MADE YOUR WAY HERE?
UNH... UGH...
HEH. DON'T ANSWER, THEN.
JUST FOLLOW PEGASUS TO THE GRAVE!!

FEH
!!
ANOTHER ONE!
TAKE THIS !!

ROZAN'S
RISING
DRAGON
BLOW!!

READ THIS WAY

ARE YOU THE LAST ONE?
UGH...
WH...
WHAT THE...?

WHAT IS THIS?
HALF MY BODY IS FROZEN !!
AHA !!

KASHING

DIA-MOND DUST !!
SHIRYÛ !!
HYÔGA !!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

UGH!!
WHOA!!
FOOLS!!
YOUR FROZEN AIR ISN'T NEARLY COLD ENOUGH TO TAKE ME DOWN.
YOU'D NEED TO GO SEVERAL HUNDRED TIMES COLDER THAN ABSOLUTE ZERO...HEH HEH HEH...
SO ARE THESE ALL THE KNIGHTS WHO WORMED THEIR WAY INTO ELYSIUM?

READ THIS WAY

QUITE A TALL ORDER, BOY.
YOU BET! THIS FIST BURNS WITH THE GRUDGES OF ALL THE LIVES YOU'VE TOYED WITH!

READ THIS WAY
IT'S TIME YOU TASTED IT, THANATOS!!
THIS BRACELET IS THE PASS WE GAVE PANDORA TO ACCESS THE UNDERWORLD.
HEH.
YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE PANDORA ASKED YOU TO AVENGE HER, EH?
YOU FOOL!!
ARGH!!

I AM THE GOD WHO PRESIDES OVER DEATH.
THE DEAD HAVE NO GROUNDS TO HARBOR GRUDGES AGAINST ME.
UGH...
WHAT?
SORRY, BUT I'M KIND OF AN ATHEIST.
AND I DEFINITELY REFUSE TO BELIEVE...
...IN EVIL GODS LIKE YOU!

TASTE THE PHOENIX'S WINGS!!

HEAVEN-
FLYING
PHOE-
NIX!!

HUH?
ARRRGH!!

WHOOOOM
KRIK
KRIK
WHAT?
BUT I PUT ALL MY STRENGTH INTO THAT HEAVEN-FLYING PHOENIX!
YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON TO SERIOUSLY IRK ME!
HEH...I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR BEING A TAD BETTER THAN THE OTHER FOUR.
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KNOCKED MY HEADPIECE OFF.
UNH!!

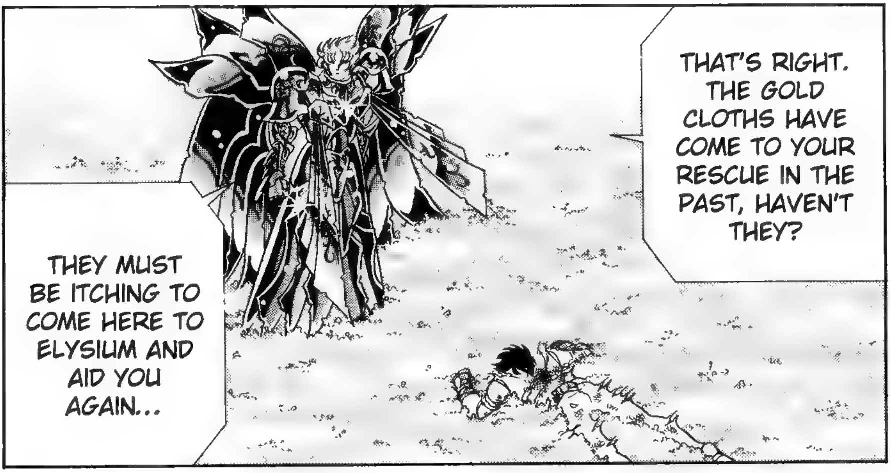
NOW SUFFER THE DIS-PLEASURE OF A GOD!!

ARRRGH!!
TER-
RIBLE
PROVI-
DENCE
!!

ORDINARILY, YOUR BODY WOULD BE TORN APART AND THE PIECES SCATTERED ACROSS THE GALAXY, AS IN THAT VISION YOU JUST SAW...
...BUT LORD HADES DOES NOT TOLERATE THAT DEGREE OF BLOODSHED HERE IN ELYSIUM.
I'LL SIMPLY DECAPITATE YOU AND HURL YOUR HEAD INTO ONE OF THE SEETHING CAULDRONS OF HELL.
DIE !!

THAT RESONANCE...
IT...
DON'T TELL ME IT'S...
IT SEEMS TO EMANATE FROM A DISTANT CORNER OF THE UNDERWORLD.
KEEEEN
OH !!
SHIIIING

EEEEEEEEN
...THE WAILING OF THE 12 GOLD CLOTHS!!


THAT'S RIGHT. THE GOLD CLOTHS HAVE COME TO YOUR RESCUE IN THE PAST, HAVEN'T THEY?
THEY MUST BE ITCHING TO COME HERE TO ELYSIUM AND AID YOU AGAIN...

THEY MUST BE *WEEP-ING* WITH REGRET!
MWA HA HA HA!!
THE GOLD CLOTHS CAN'T SAVE YOU THIS TIME.
...BUT AS YOU WELL KNOW, CROSSING TO ELYSIUM REQUIRES THE POWER OF A GOD.

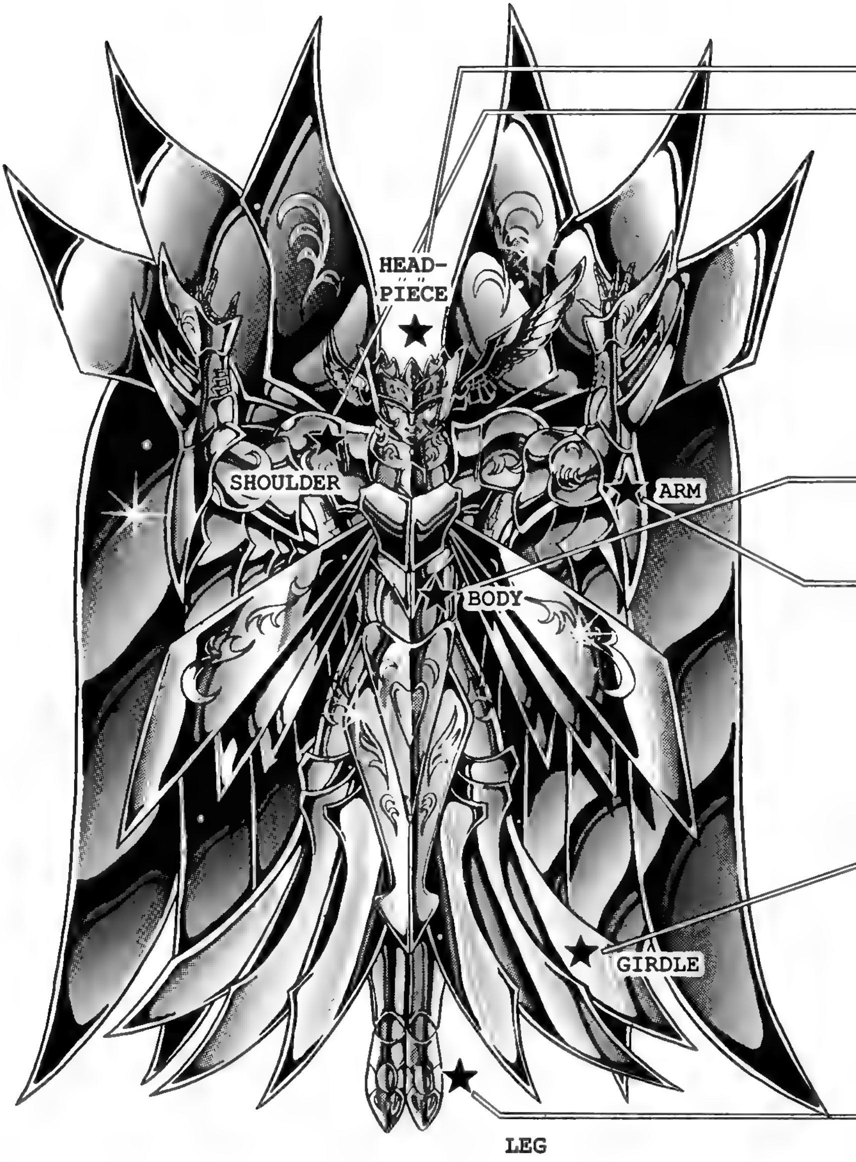
KRUNCH
hff
hff
hff
hff
hff
hff
hff
hff
hff
hff
HEH... THE GOLD CLOTHS, YOUR FINAL LIFELINE, ARE BEYOND YOUR REACH.
THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO SAVE YOU.

I'LL BE KIND AND KILL THE FIVE OF YOU IN ONE BLOW!!
DIE!!

KEEEEEN
HUH?
WHAT IS THIS ENORMOUS COSMO?
THE GOLD CLOTHS ARE APPROACHING ELYSIUM!!
IT CAN'T BE!!
BESIDES LORD HADES AND ATHENA, THE ONLY BEING WITH SUCH A COSMO IS...
SURELY NOT...
A GOD...
BUT ONLY A GOD COULD...

..POSEIDON!!
THE GOD OF THE SEAS !!

THE GOD WHO PRESIDES OVER DEATH
THANATOS SURPLICE



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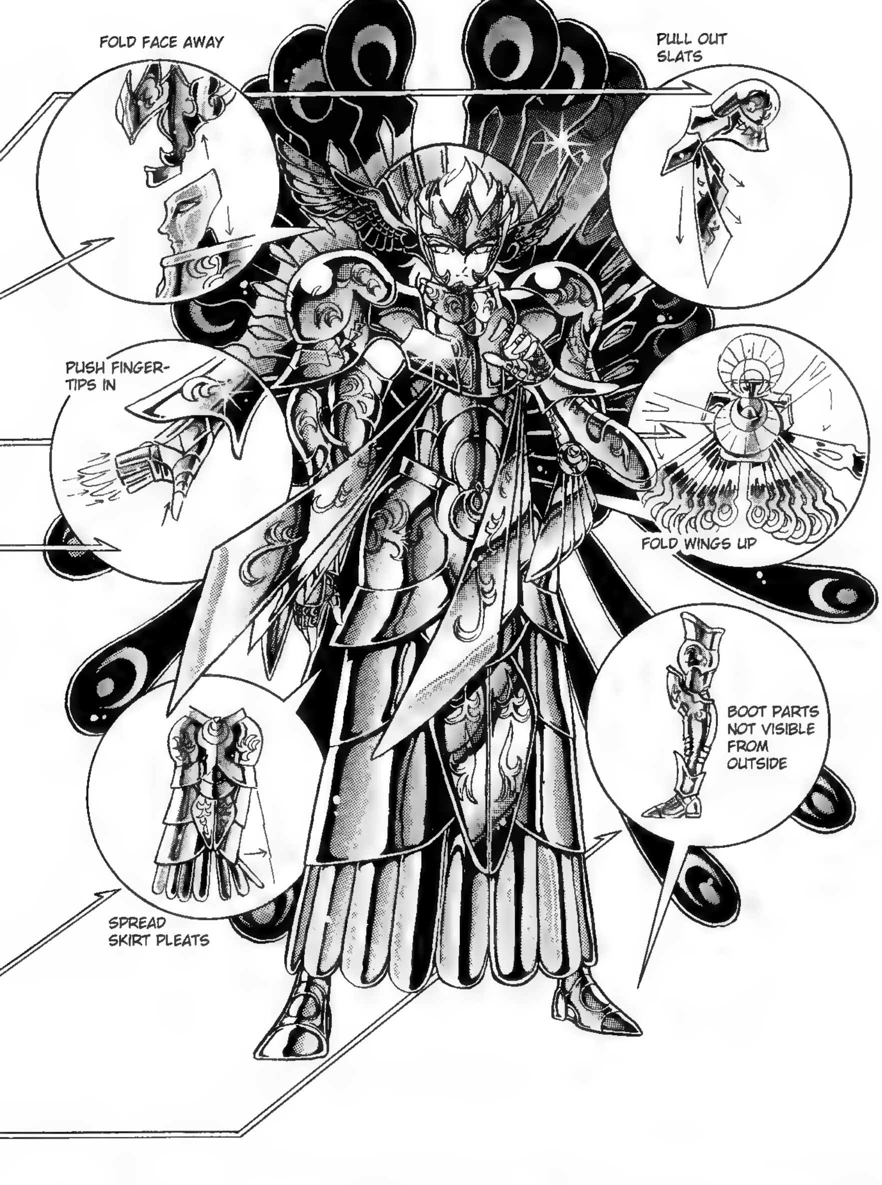
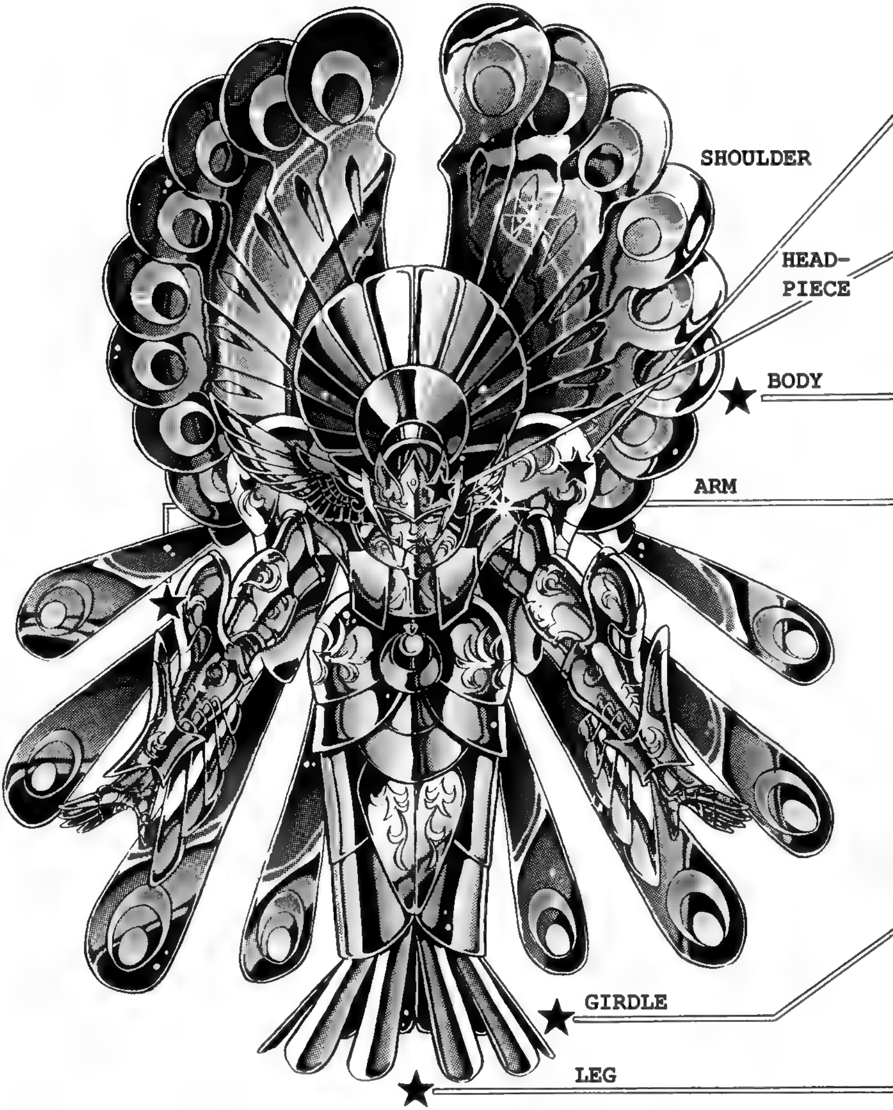


THE GOD WHO PRESIDES OVER SLEEP
HYPNOS SURPLICE



SURPLICE BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART 22

THE SEA GOD'S AID

THE GOLD CLOTHS ARE CROSSING TO ELYSIUM...
...WITH POSEIDON'S ASSISTANCE?
HOW?
IMPOSSIBLE! POSEIDON WAS SEALED IN ATHENA'S URN AND FORCED INTO A DEEP SLUMBER!!
HOW CAN THIS BE?

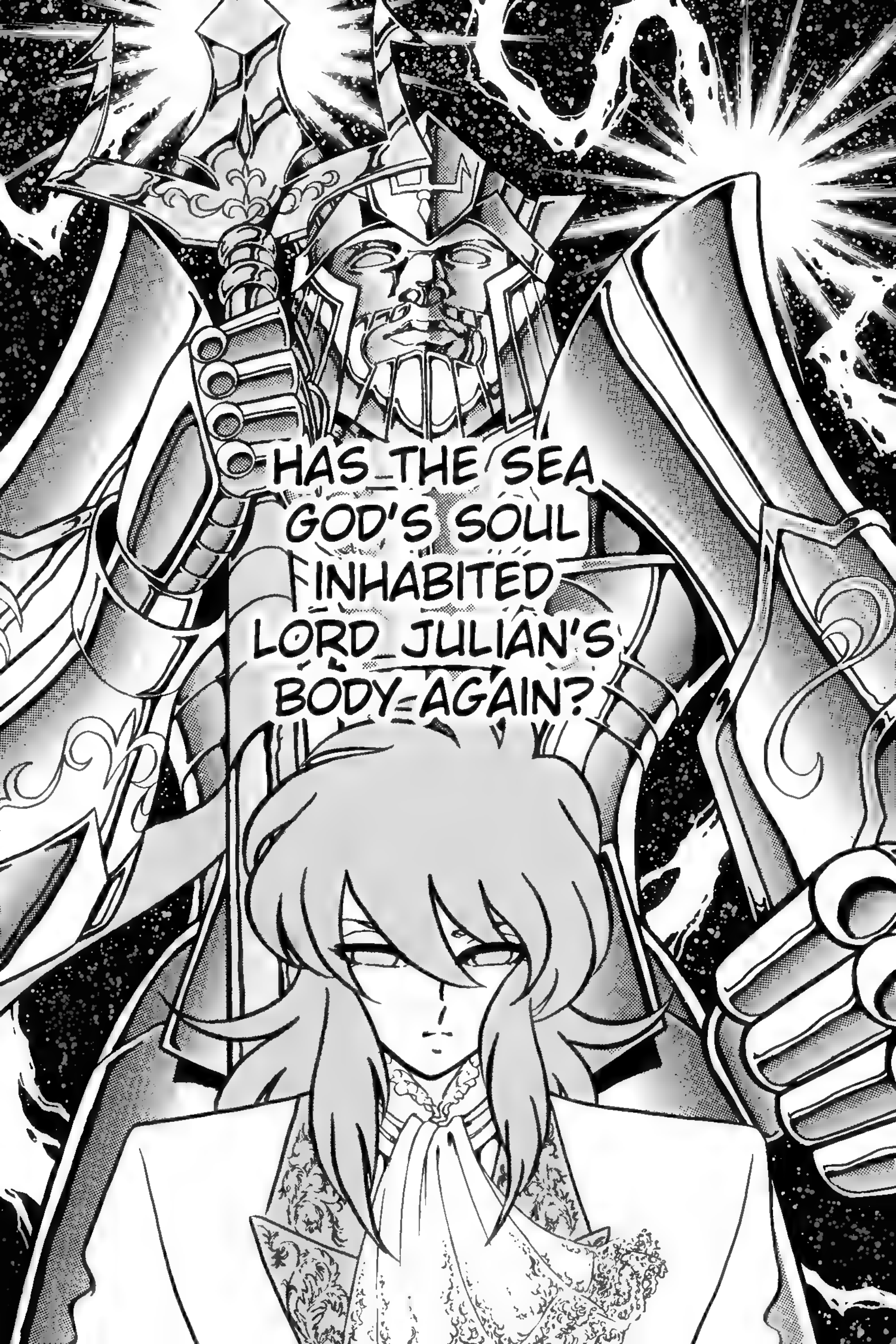
WHOA ...
WOW ...
THE GOLD CLOTHS ...
...CROSSED THE EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL SPACE...
...TO LEND US THEIR STRENGTH !!
OH !!

THE CLOTH OF SAGIT-TARIUS, THE ARCHER!!
THE CLOTH OF AQUARIUS, THE WATER BEARER!!
THE CLOTH OF LIBRA, THE SCALES !!
THE CLOTH OF VIRGO, THE VIRGIN!!
THE CLOTH OF LEO, THE LION!!

WE FIVE, TOGETHER WITH THE SOULS OF THE GOLD KNIGHTS...

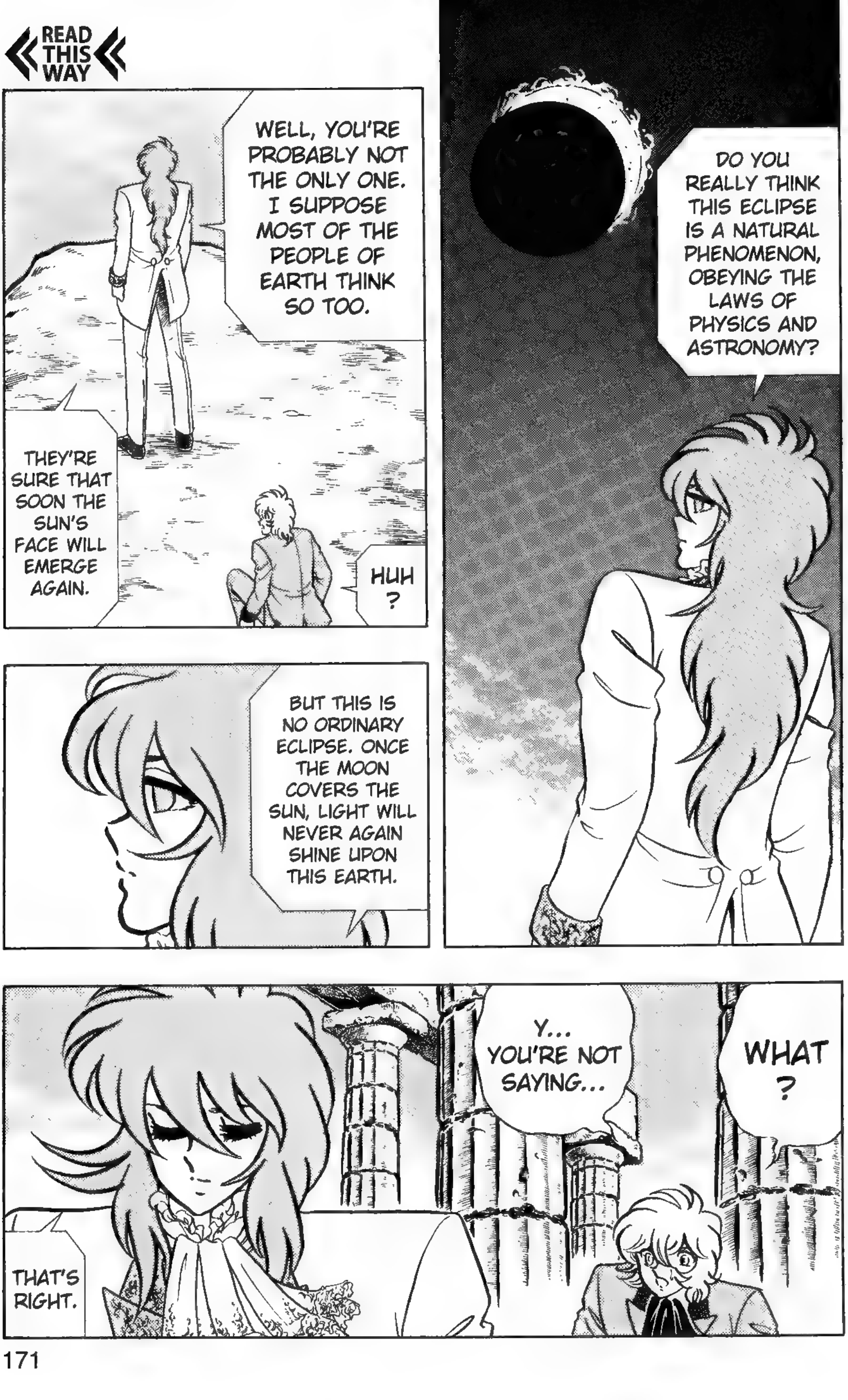
KASH
...NOW DON THESE GOLD CLOTHS!!

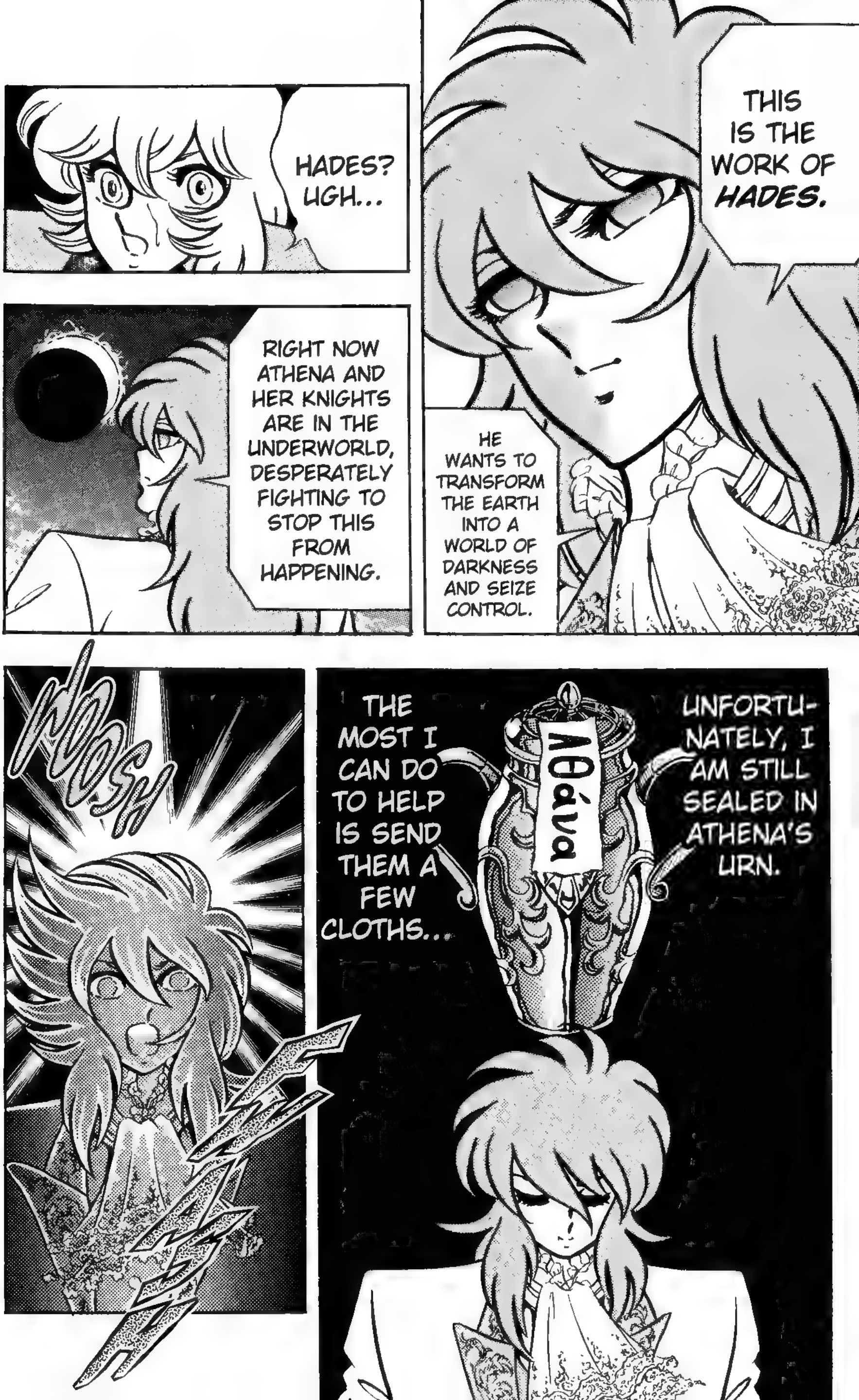
CAPE SOUNION ...
LORD JULIAN !!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU'RE ACTING ODDLY, LIKE YOU'RE ...
...NOT YOURSELF.
YOU...YOU LOOK LIKE YOU DID AT THE UNDERWATER SHRINE. SO NOBLE AND UNAPPROACHABLE...


HAS THE SEA GOD'S SOUL INHABITED LORD JULIAN'S BODY AGAIN?

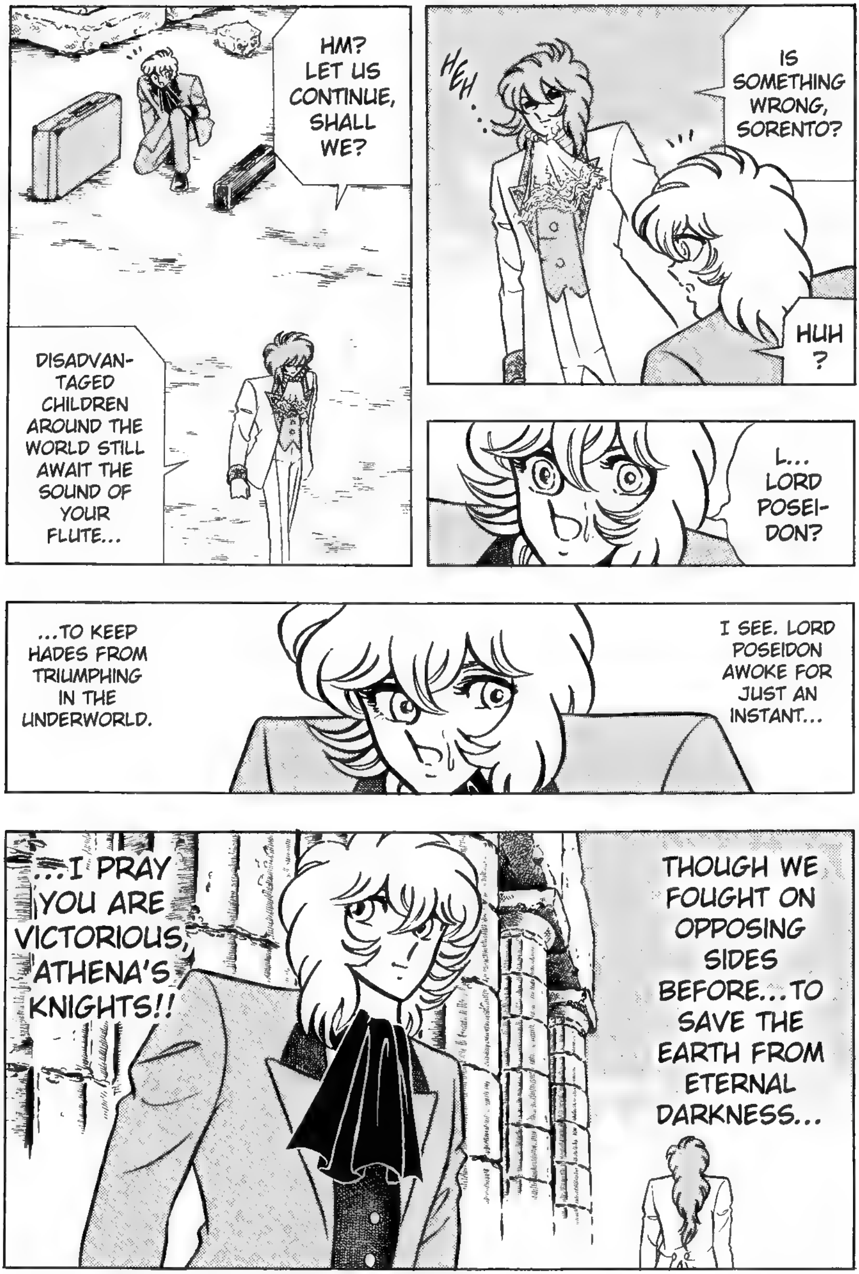
THUP
SIR!
OH!
AH...!
SOREN-TO!
BUT WHY?
THERE'S NO MISTAKE. LORD JULIAN IS LORD POSEIDON ONCE MORE.
MY DEAR SORENTO, I LEANT ATHENA'S KNIGHTS A LITTLE AID JUST NOW.
HUH?
HEH.
ATHENA'S KNIGHTS? BUT WHY?

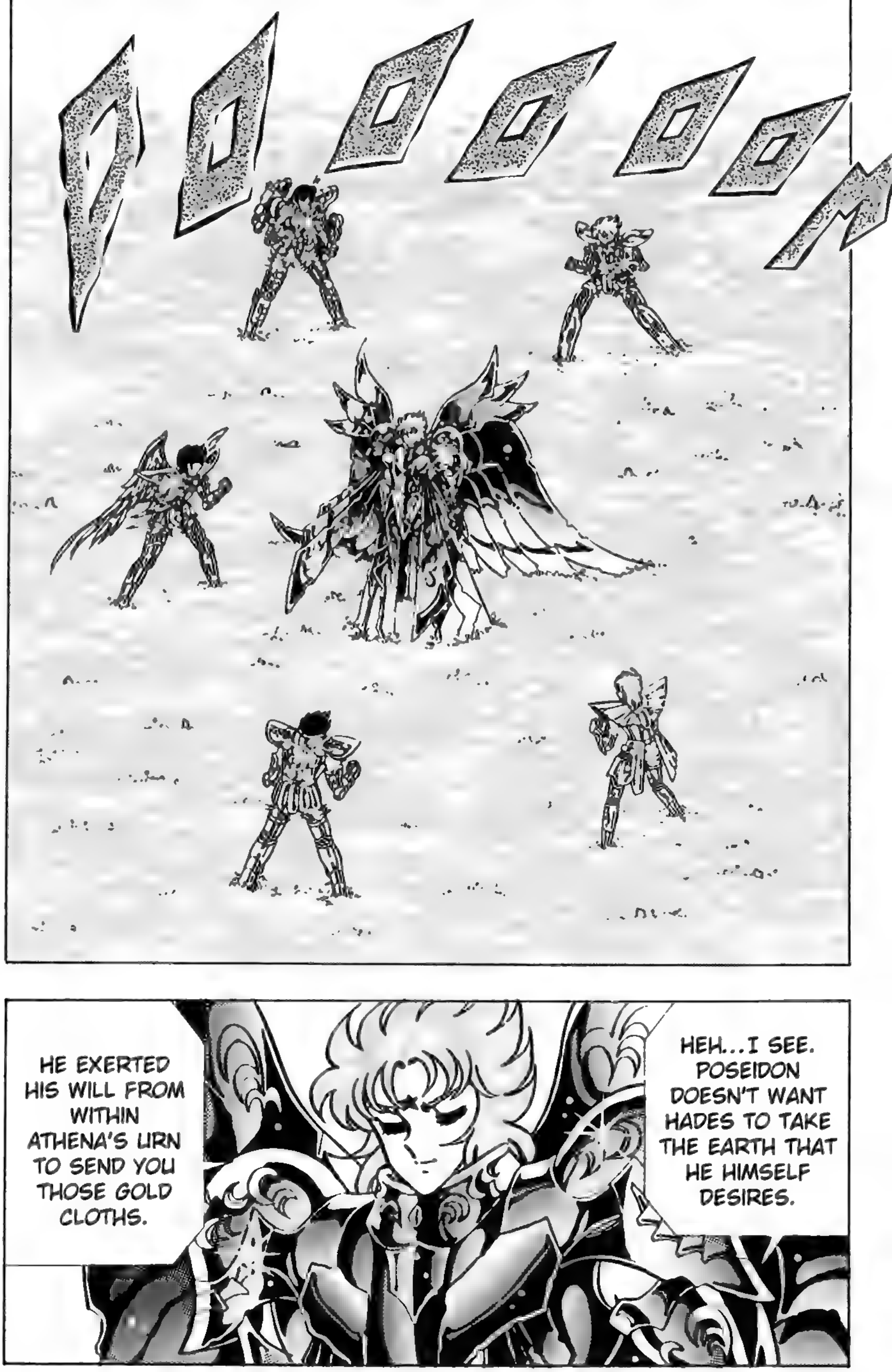
READ THIS WAY




THIS IS THE WORK OF HADES.
HADES? UGH...
HE WANTS TO TRANSFORM THE EARTH INTO A WORLD OF DARKNESS AND SEIZE CONTROL.
RIGHT NOW ATHENA AND HER KNIGHTS ARE IN THE UNDERWORLD, DESPERATELY FIGHTING TO STOP THIS FROM HAPPENING.
UNFORTU-NATELY, I AM STILL SEALED IN ATHENA'S URN.
Αθάνα
THE MOST I CAN DO TO HELP IS SEND THEM A FEW CLOTHS...
WOOSH

READ THIS WAY




DOOOOOM
HE EXERTED HIS WILL FROM WITHIN ATHENA'S URN TO SEND YOU THOSE GOLD CLOTHS.
HEH...I SEE. POSEIDON DOESN'T WANT HADES TO TAKE THE EARTH THAT HE HIMSELF DESIRES.

READ THIS WAY
HUH?
POSEIDON DID THIS?
POSEIDON SENT US THE GOLD CLOTHS?
WHAT A PITIFUL GOD, TO STOOP SO LOW TO AID HIS ERSTWHILE ENEMY.
HE MUST REALLY LOVE THE EARTH, POOR FOOL.
WHOOSH

WHAT ?
AND HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD ENSURE YOUR VICTORY... HA!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE MAY BE THE BROTHER OF THE GREAT GOD ZEUS AND OUR OWN LORD HADES, BUT POSEIDON IS SO NAÏVE!
WHAT ?
THOSE GOLD CLOTHS MAY HAVE HELPED YOU WIN IN THE PAST, BUT YOU'LL FIND THAT'S NOT THE CASE THIS TIME.
AND GOLD CLOTHS WILL NOT HELP YOU AGAINST A GOD!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU. I AM NOT JUST A VASSAL OF LORD HADES, BUT A GOD IN MY OWN RIGHT!

BEHOLD A GOD'S MIGHT!!
UNH!!
WHAT?
NO!!

THE GOLD CLOTHS ARE SHATTER-ING!!

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 28!